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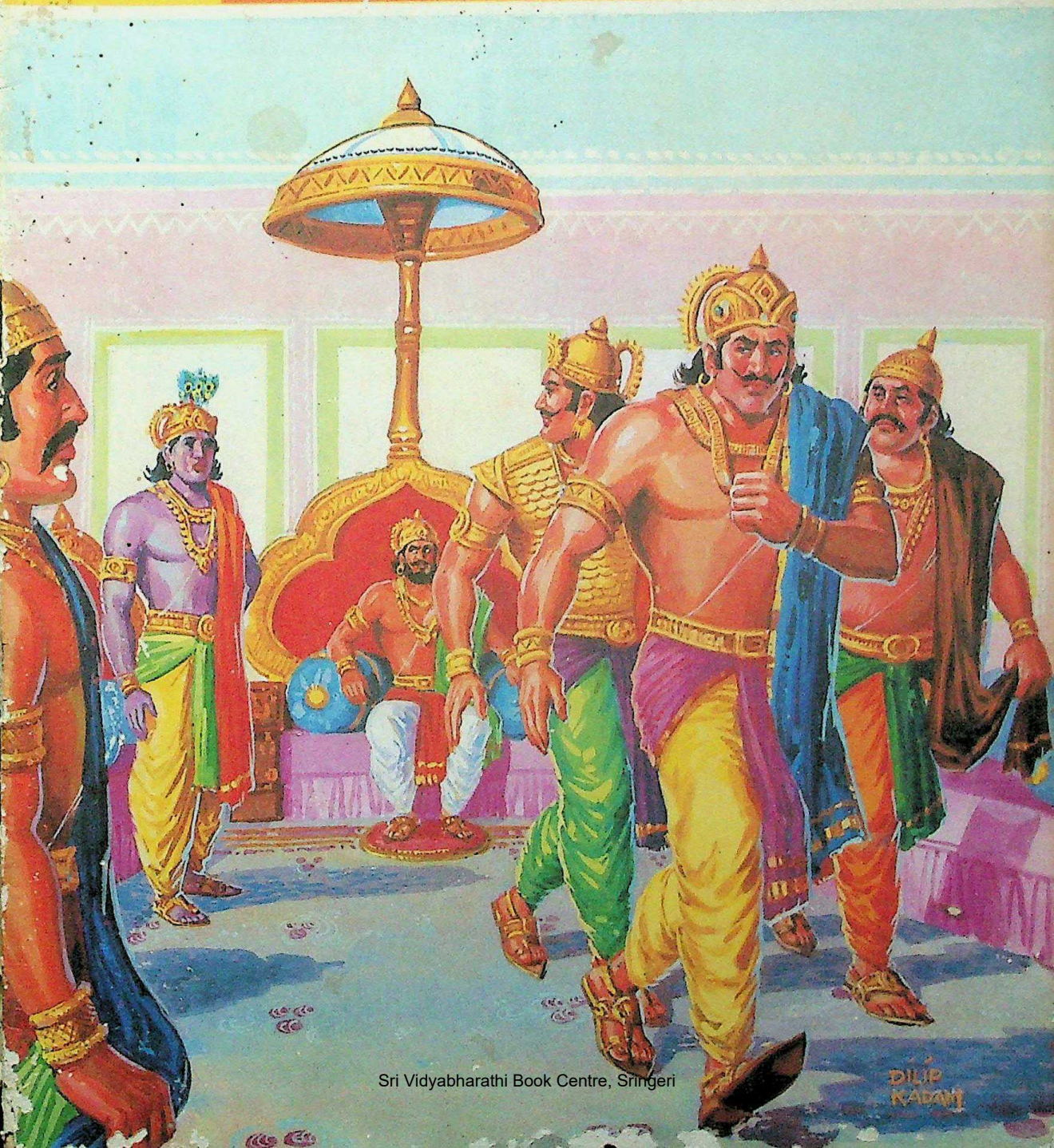

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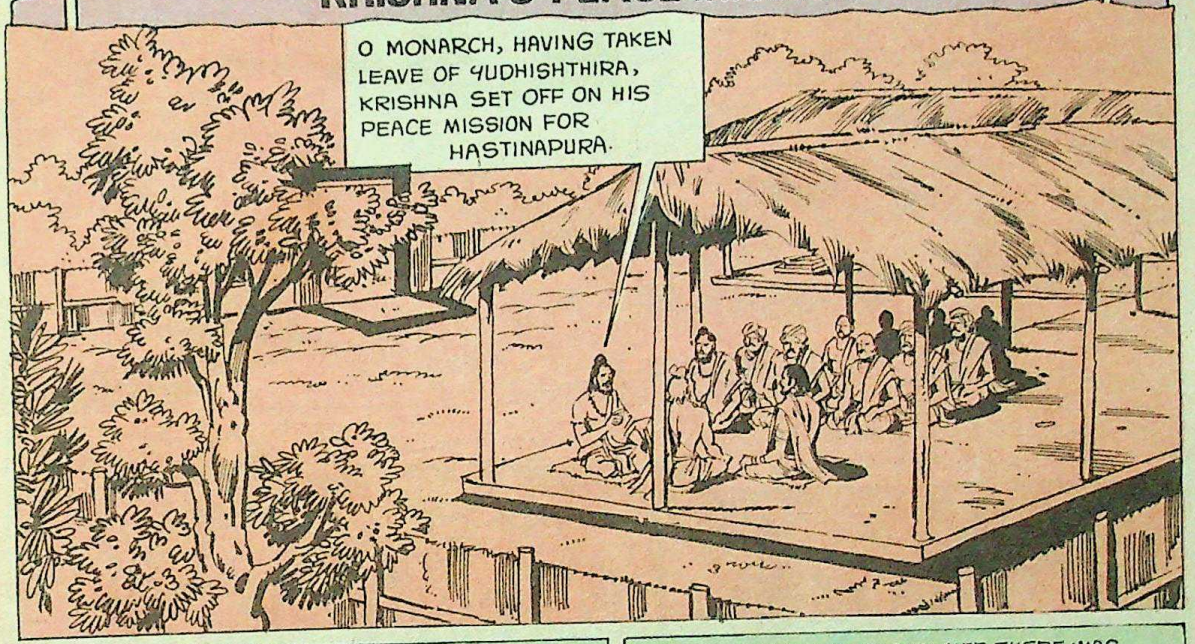

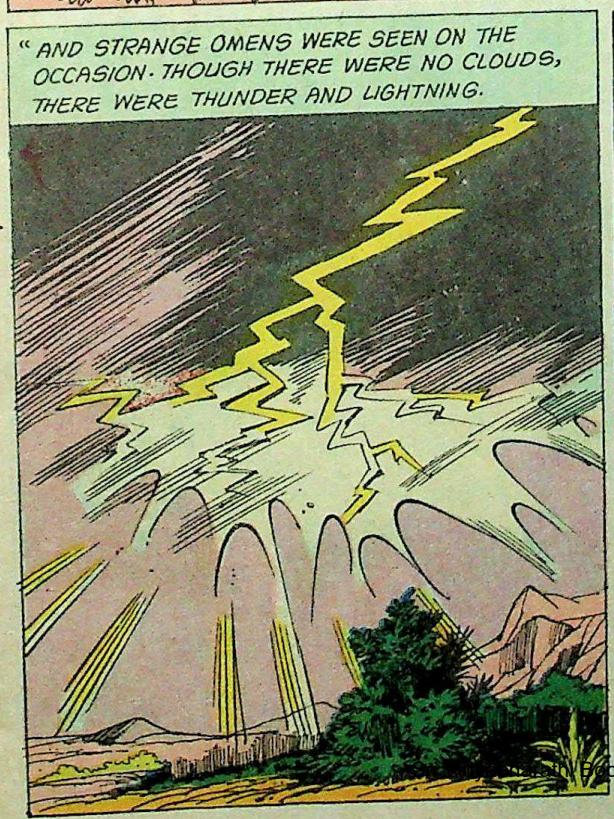

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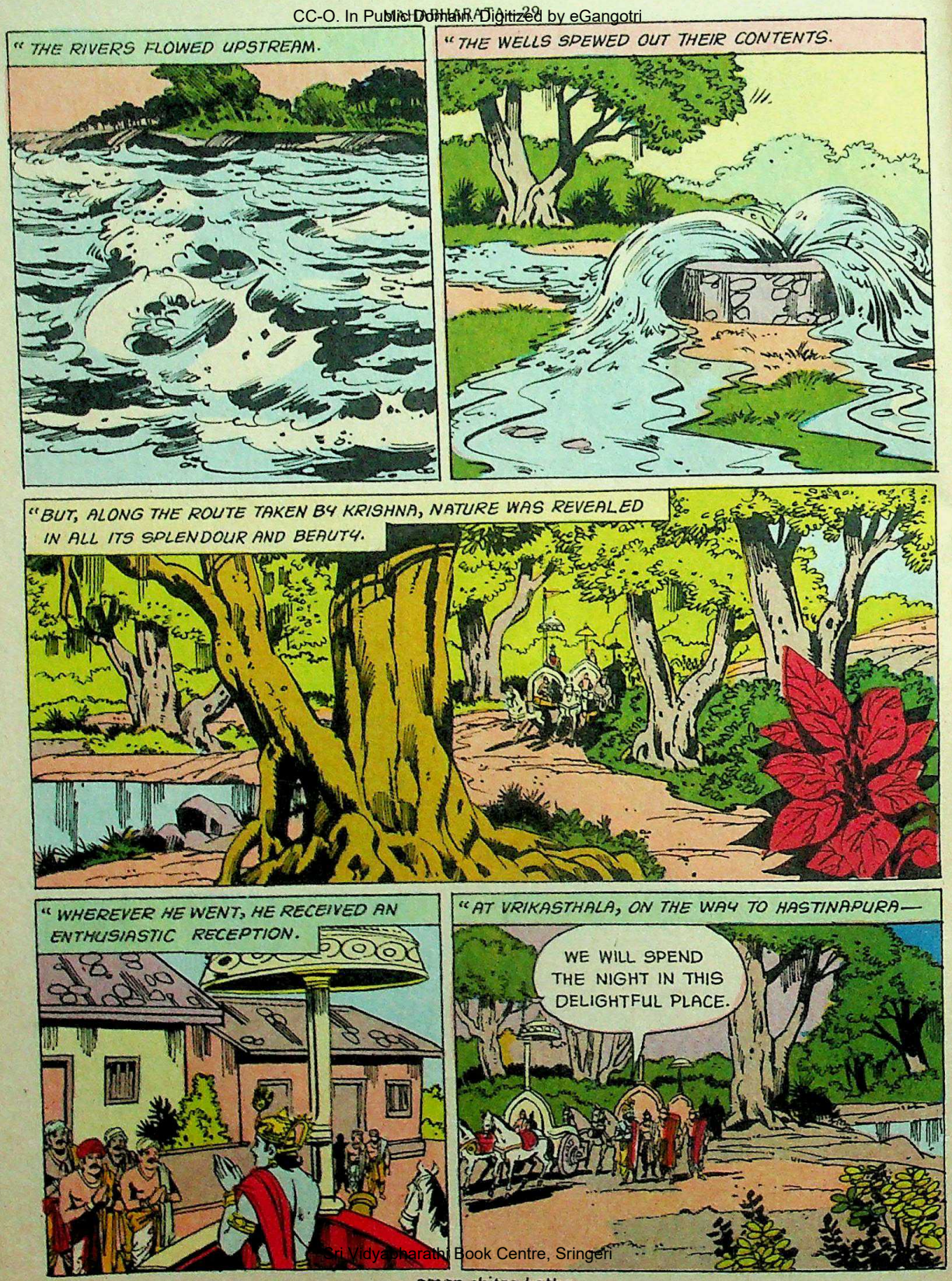

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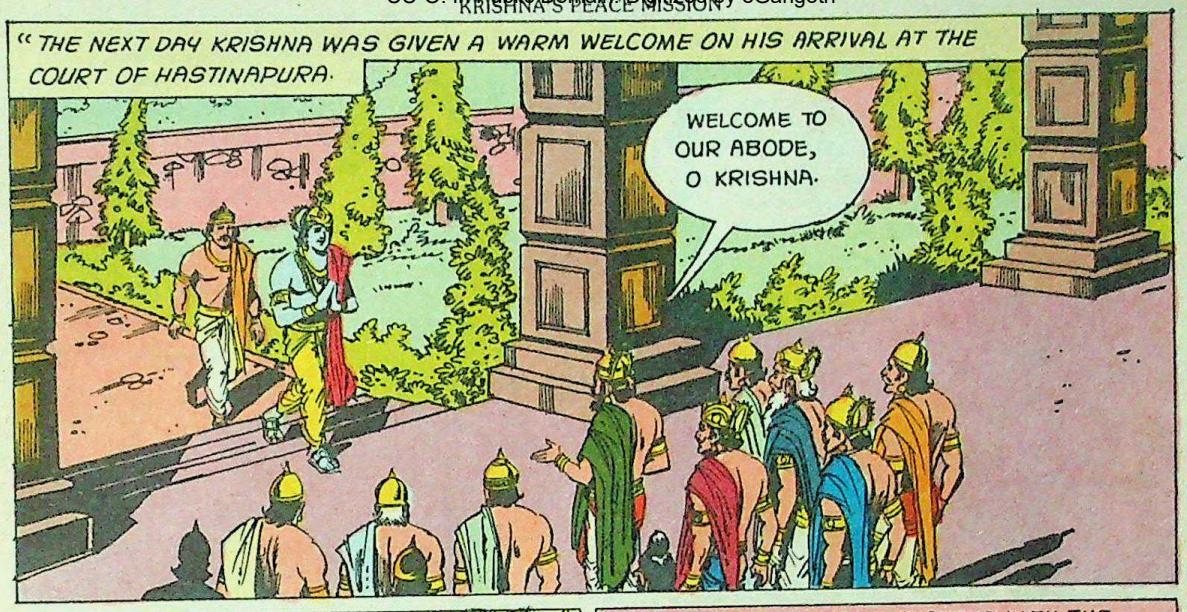

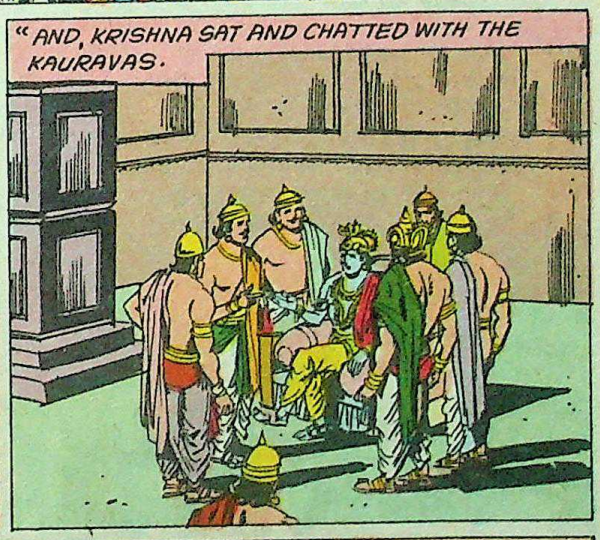

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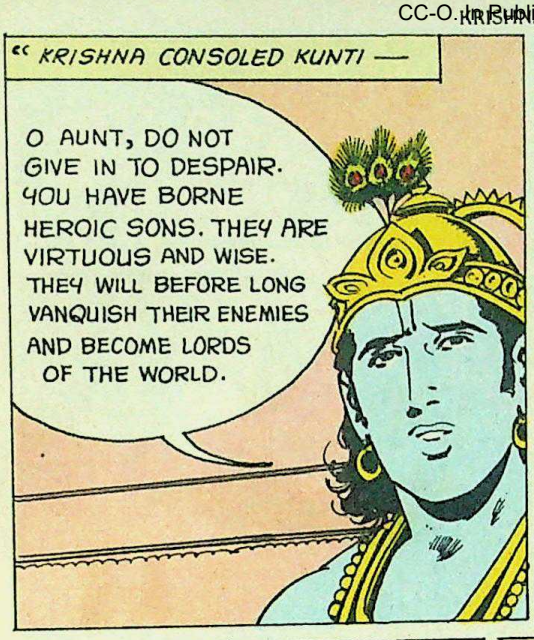

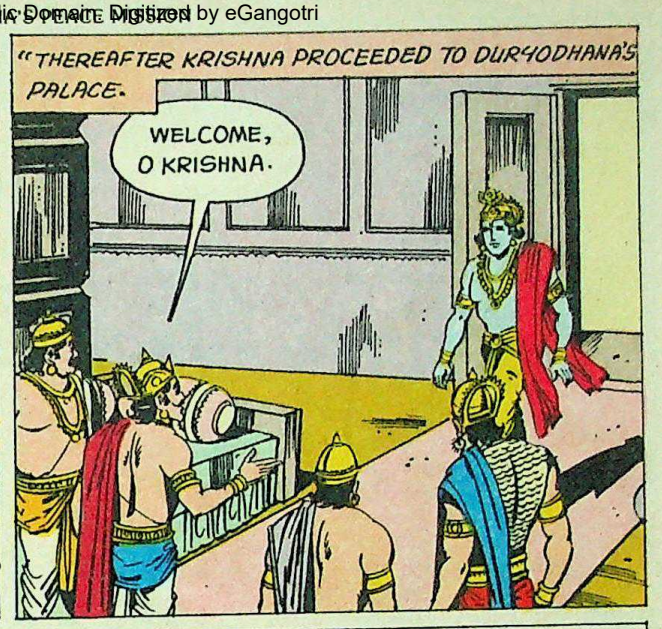

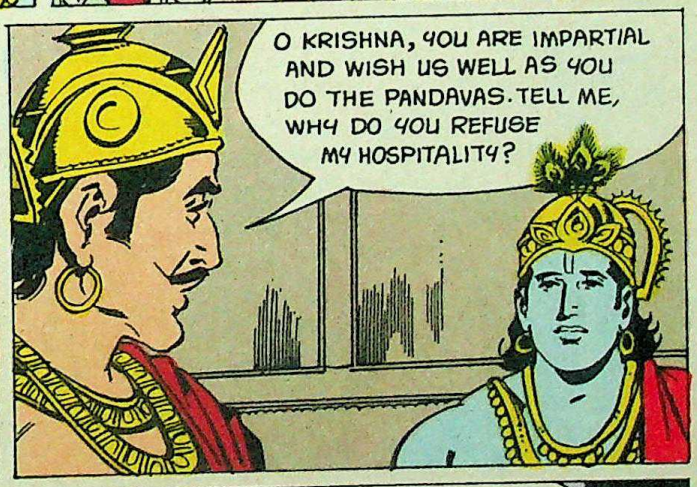

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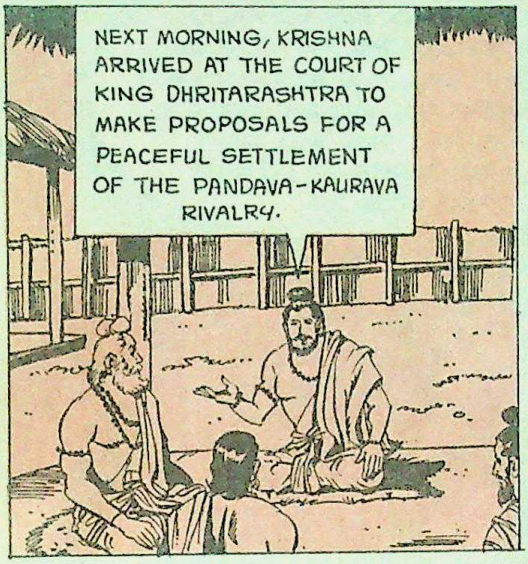

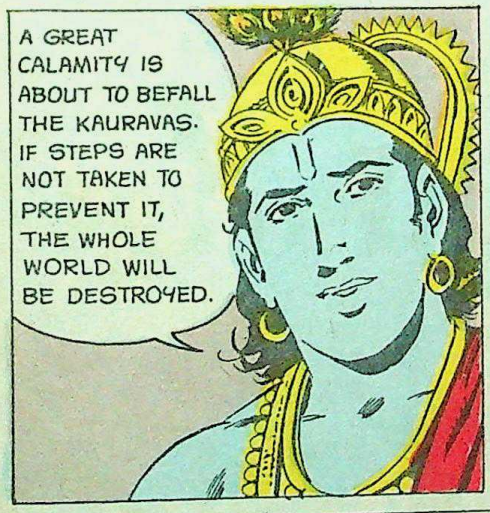

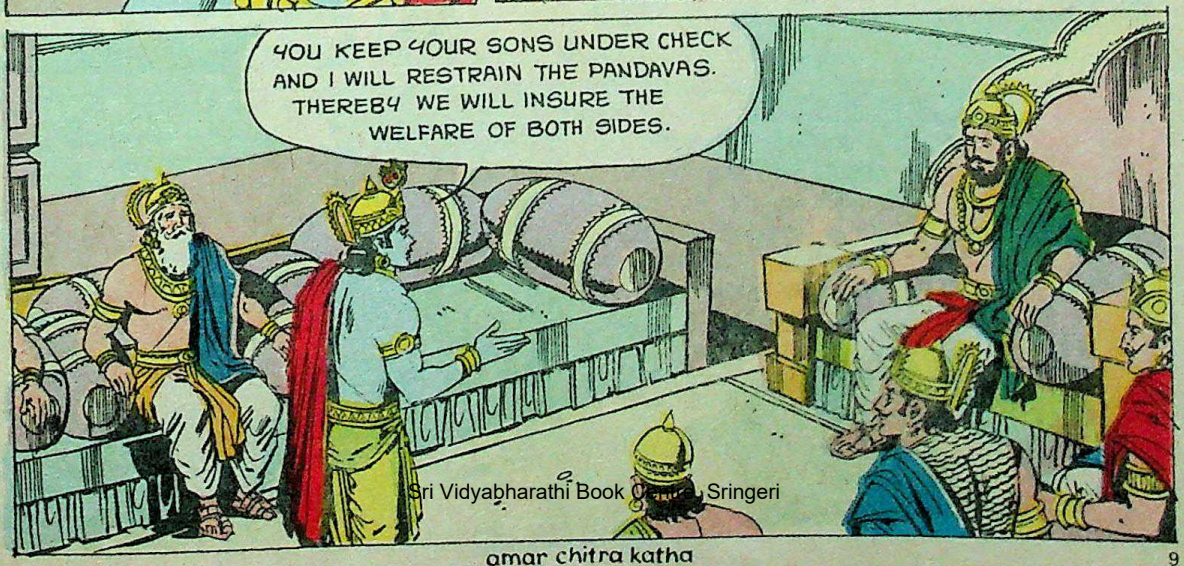

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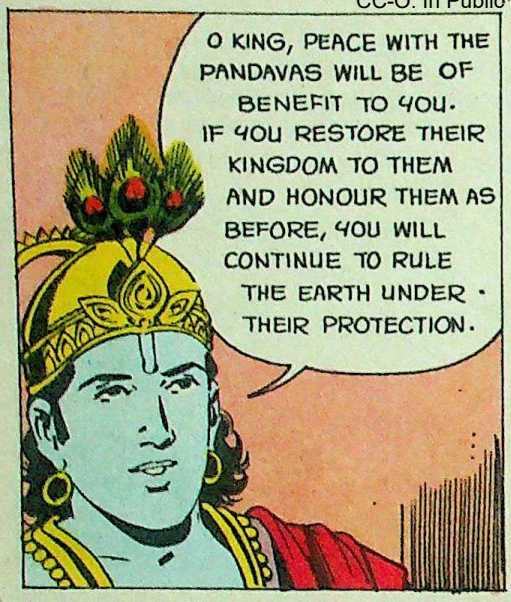

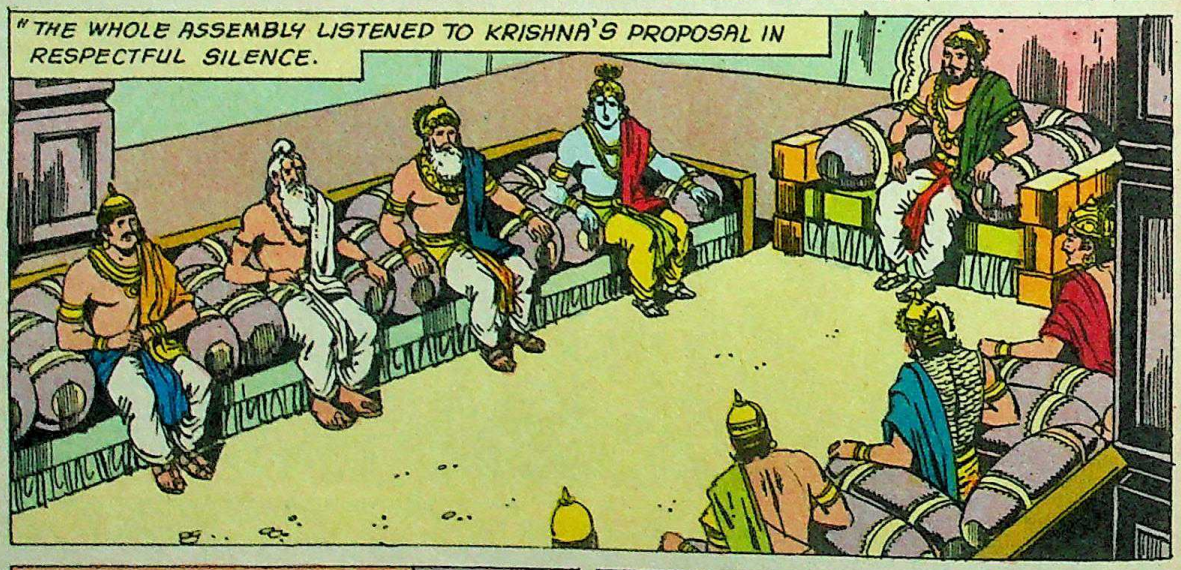

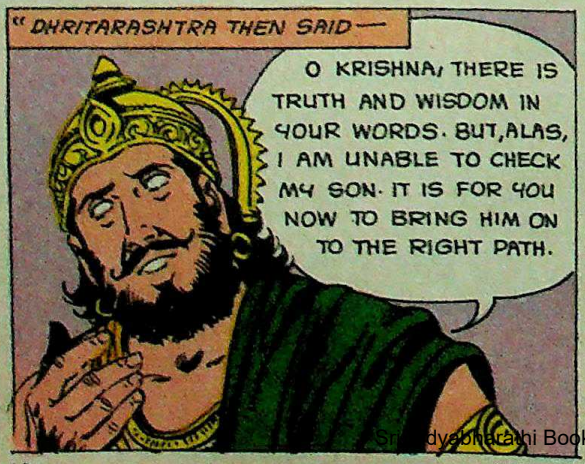

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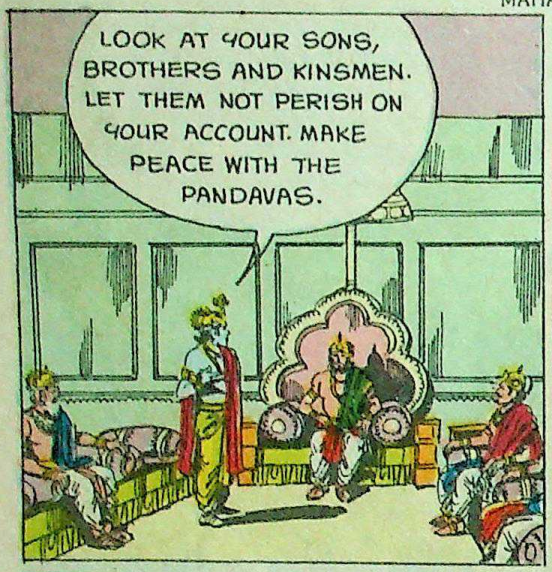

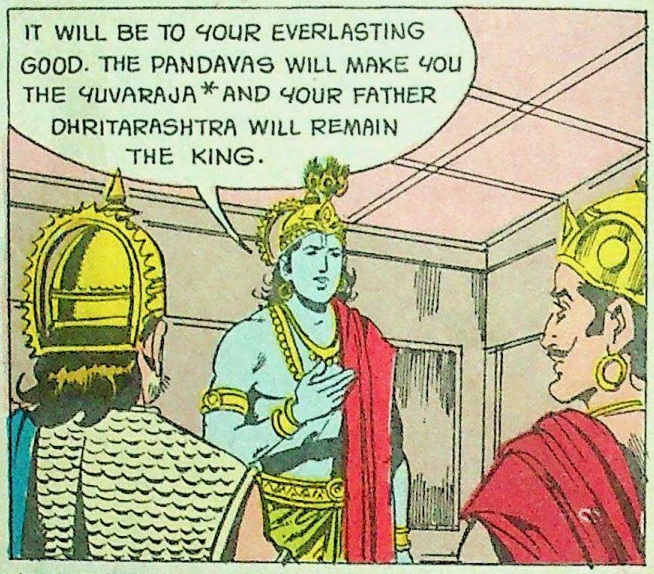

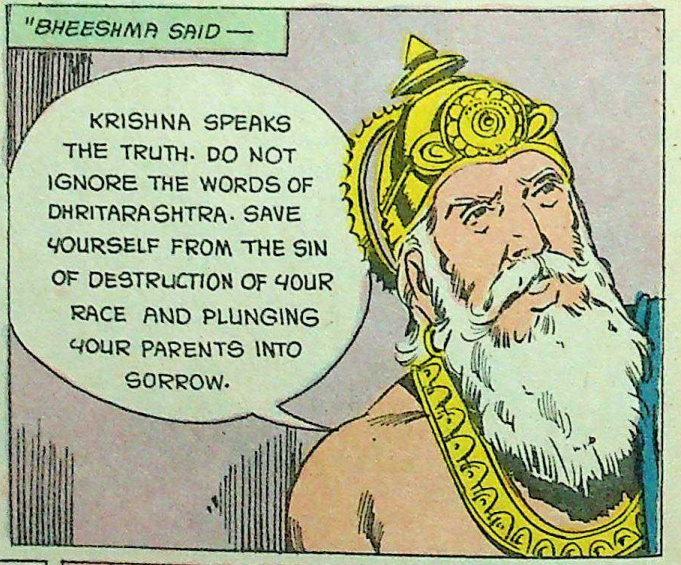

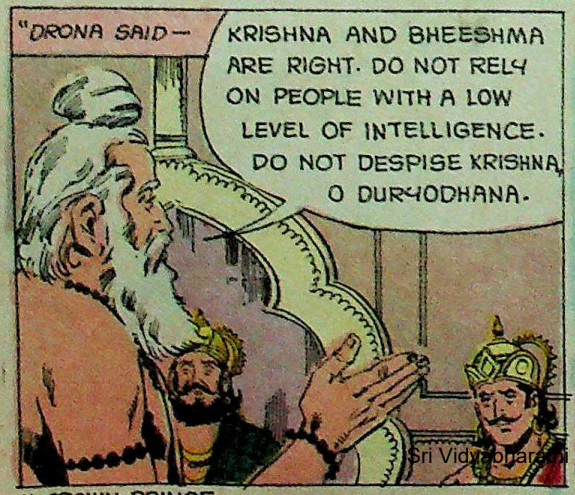

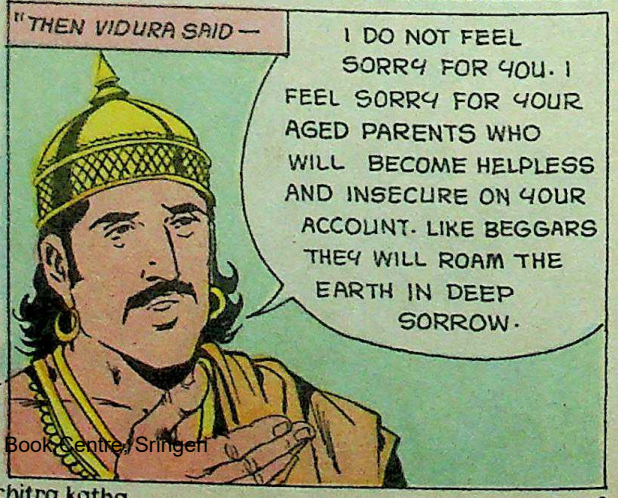

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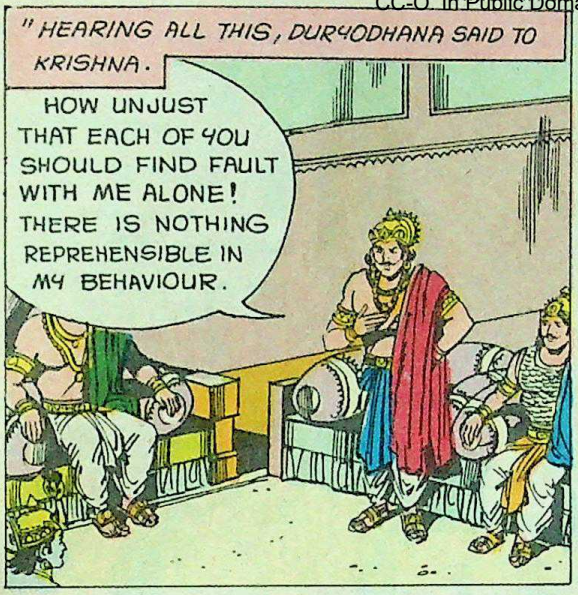

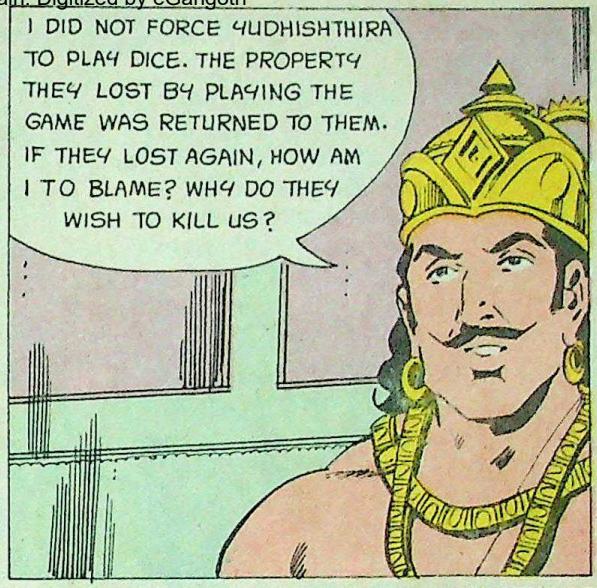

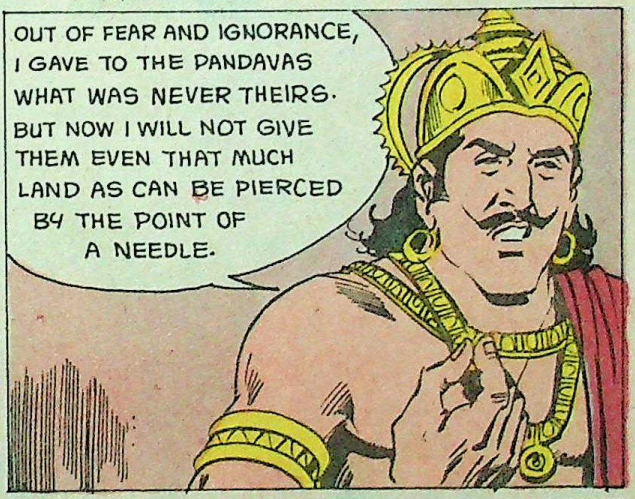

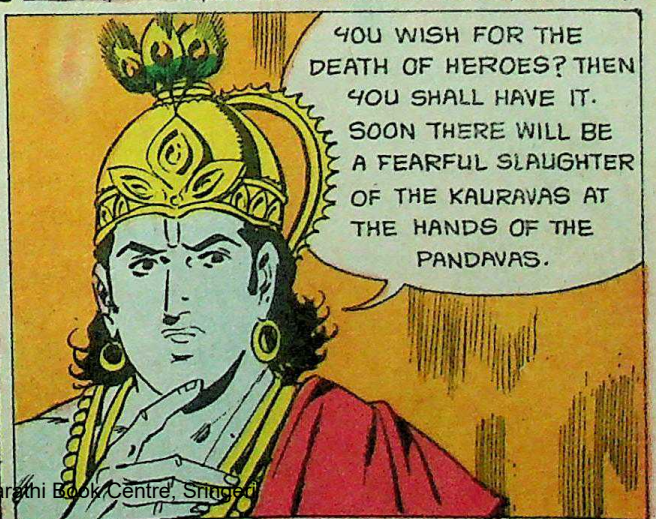

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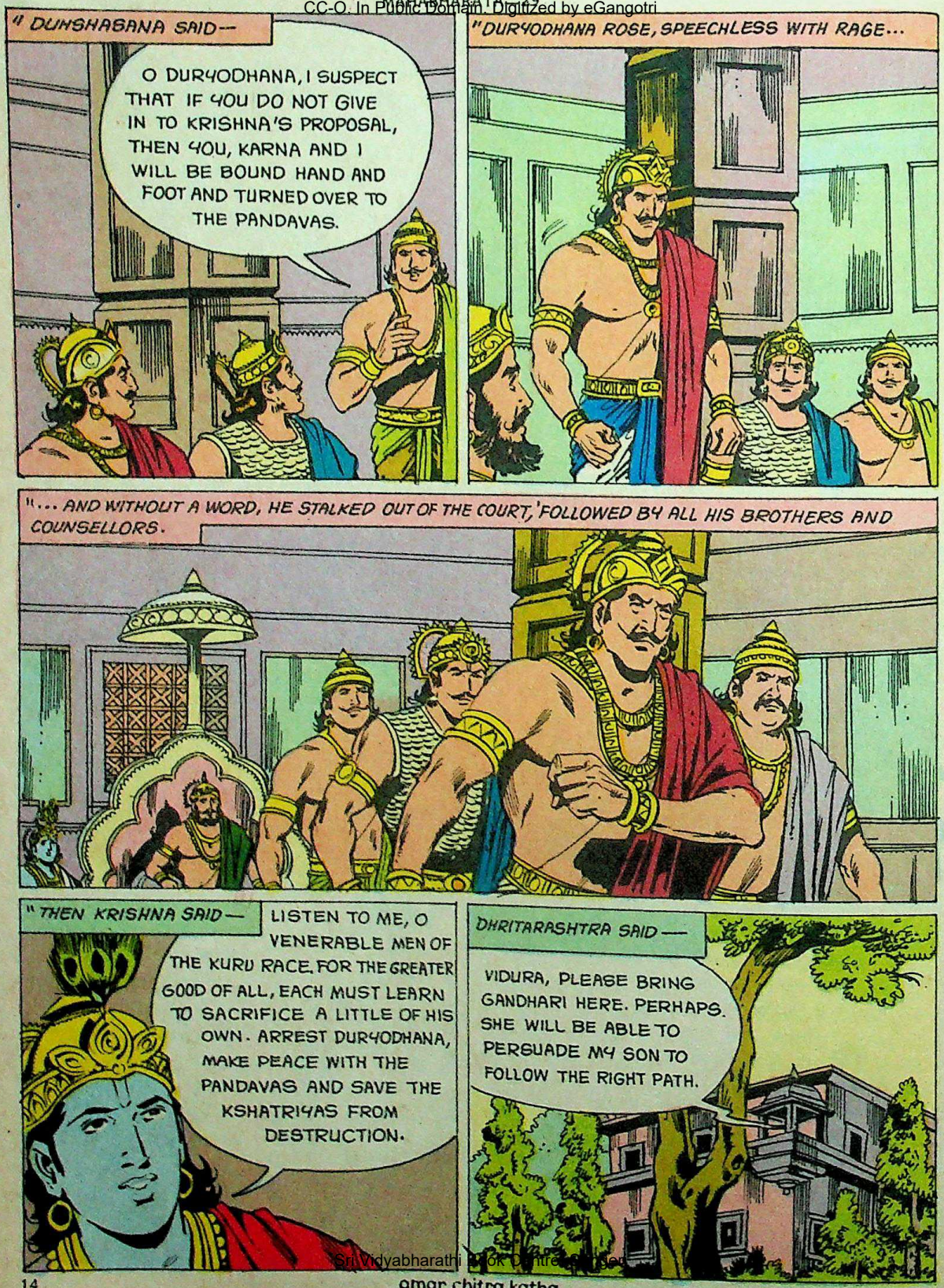

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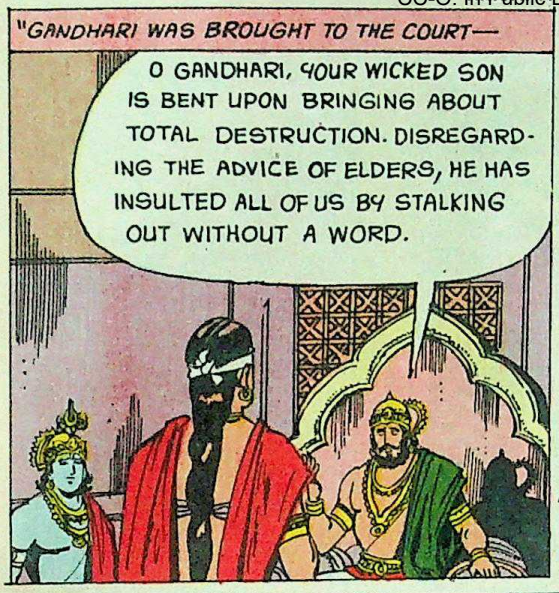

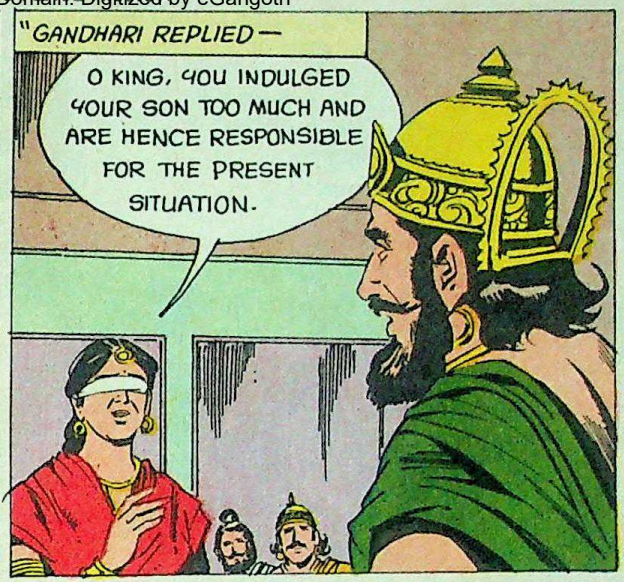

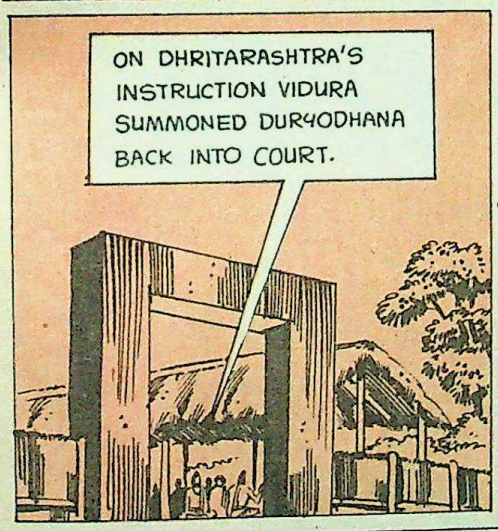

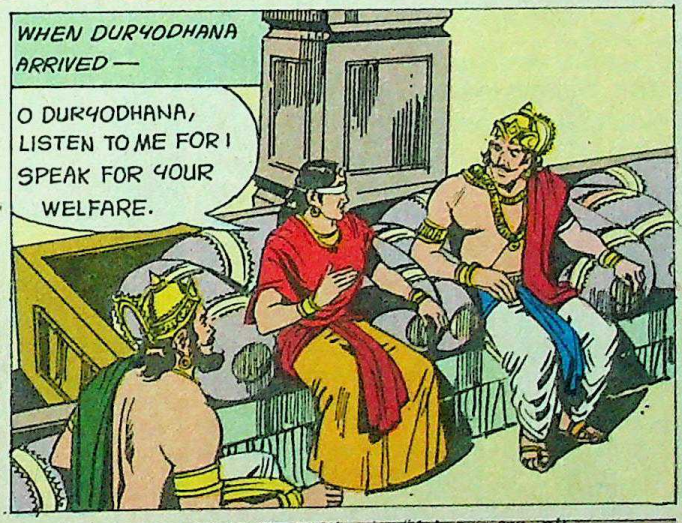

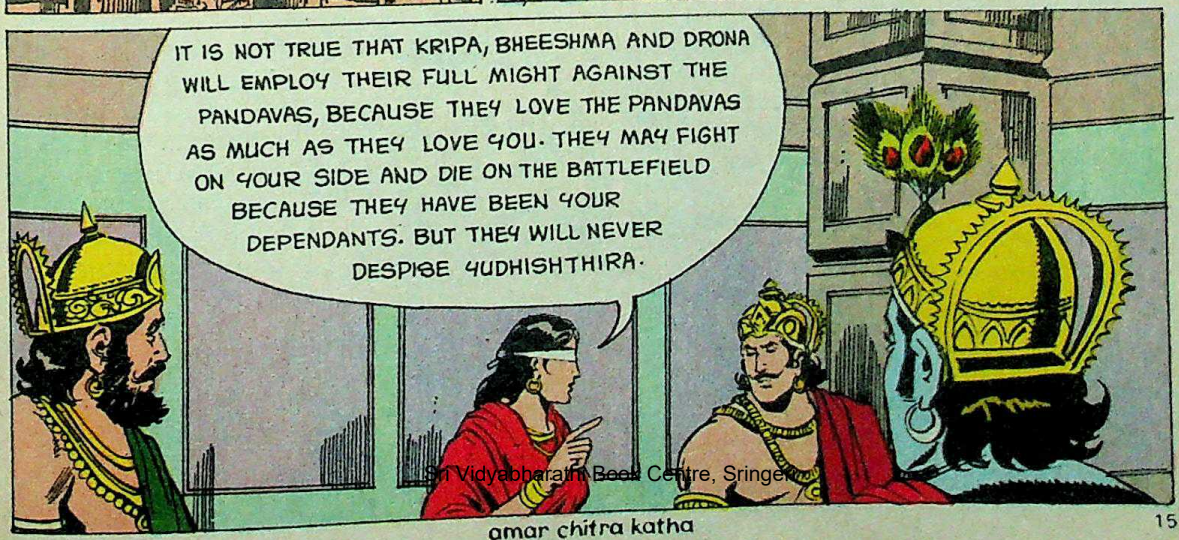

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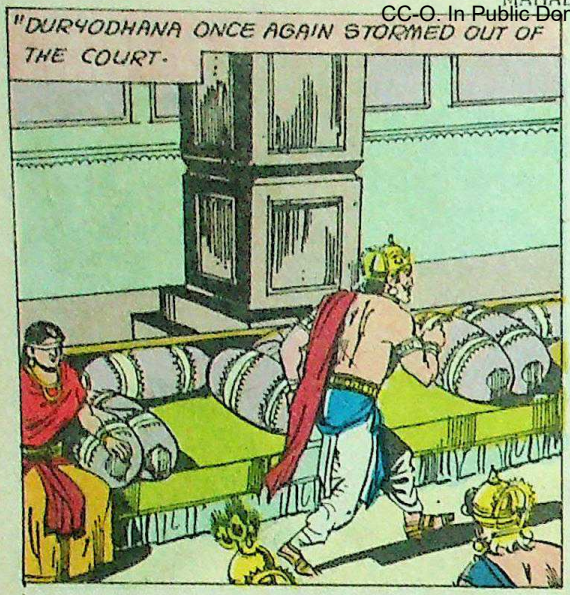

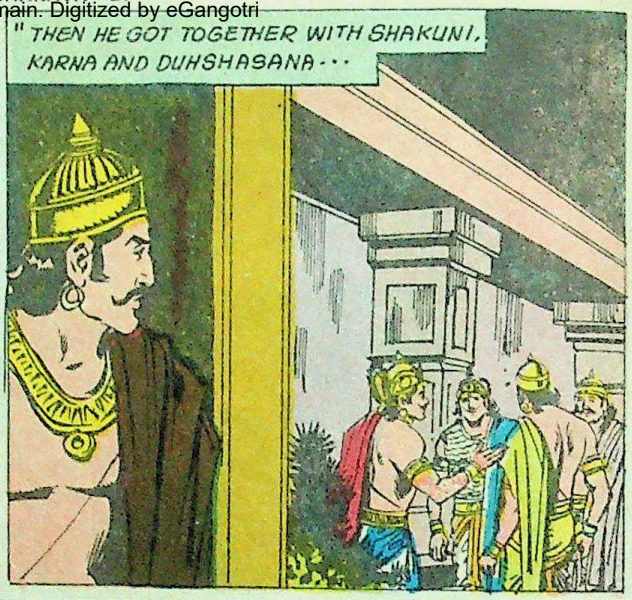

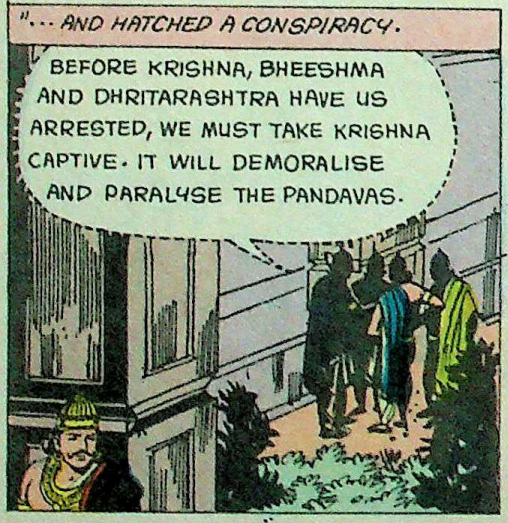

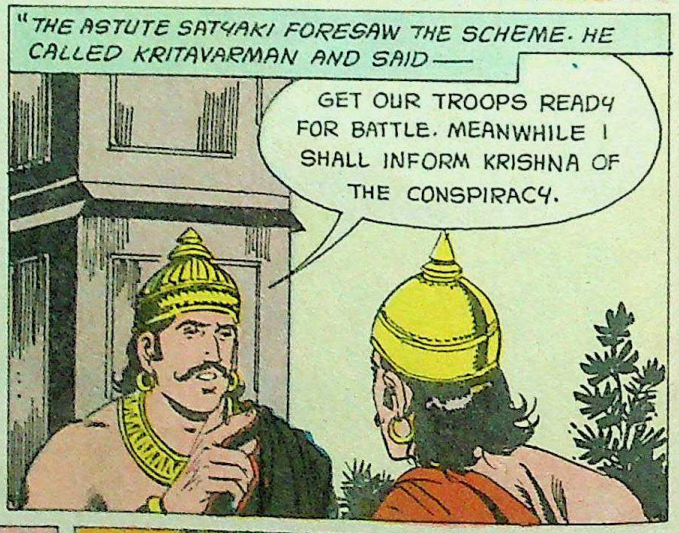

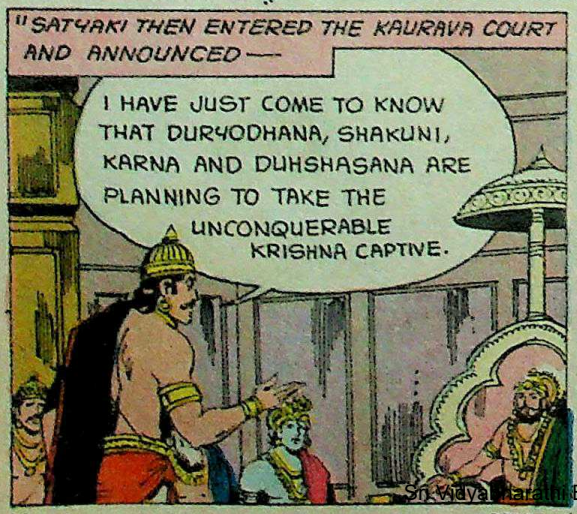

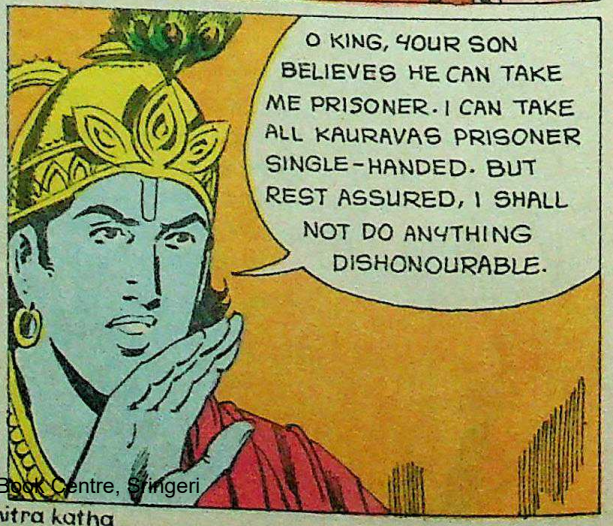

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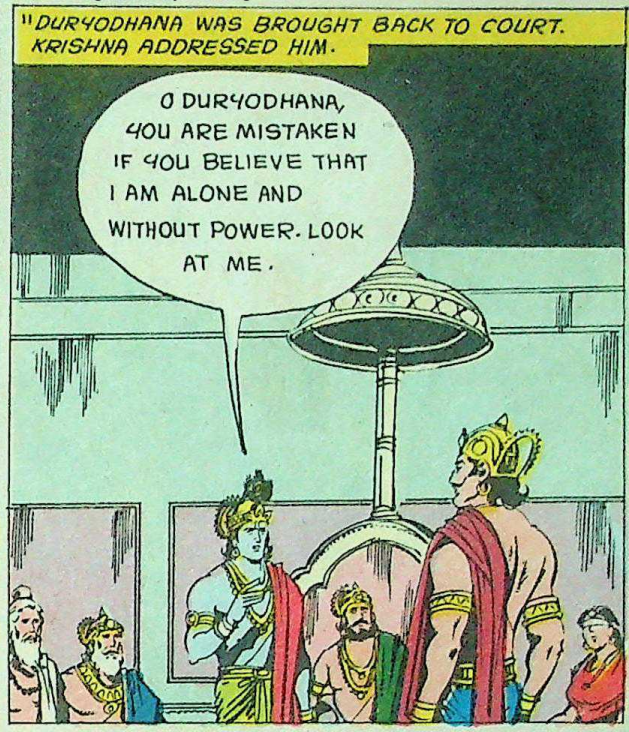

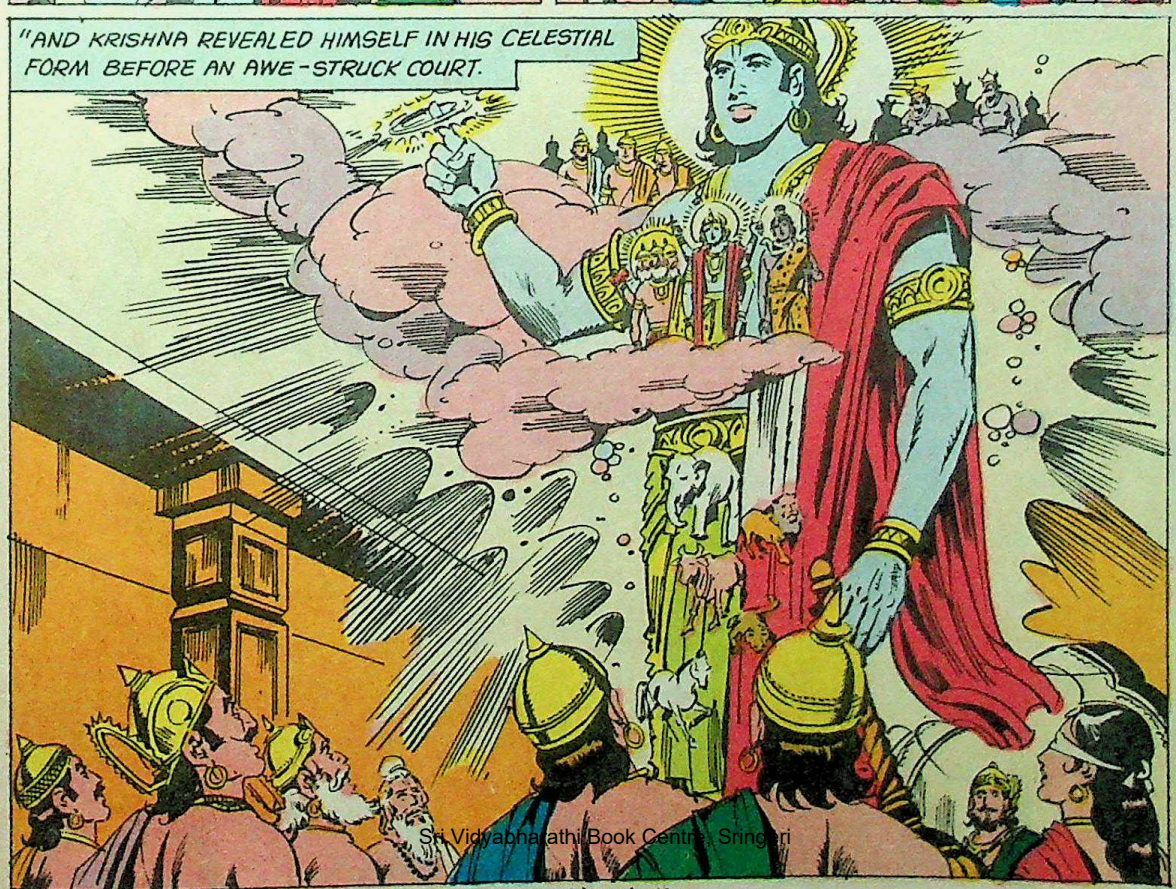

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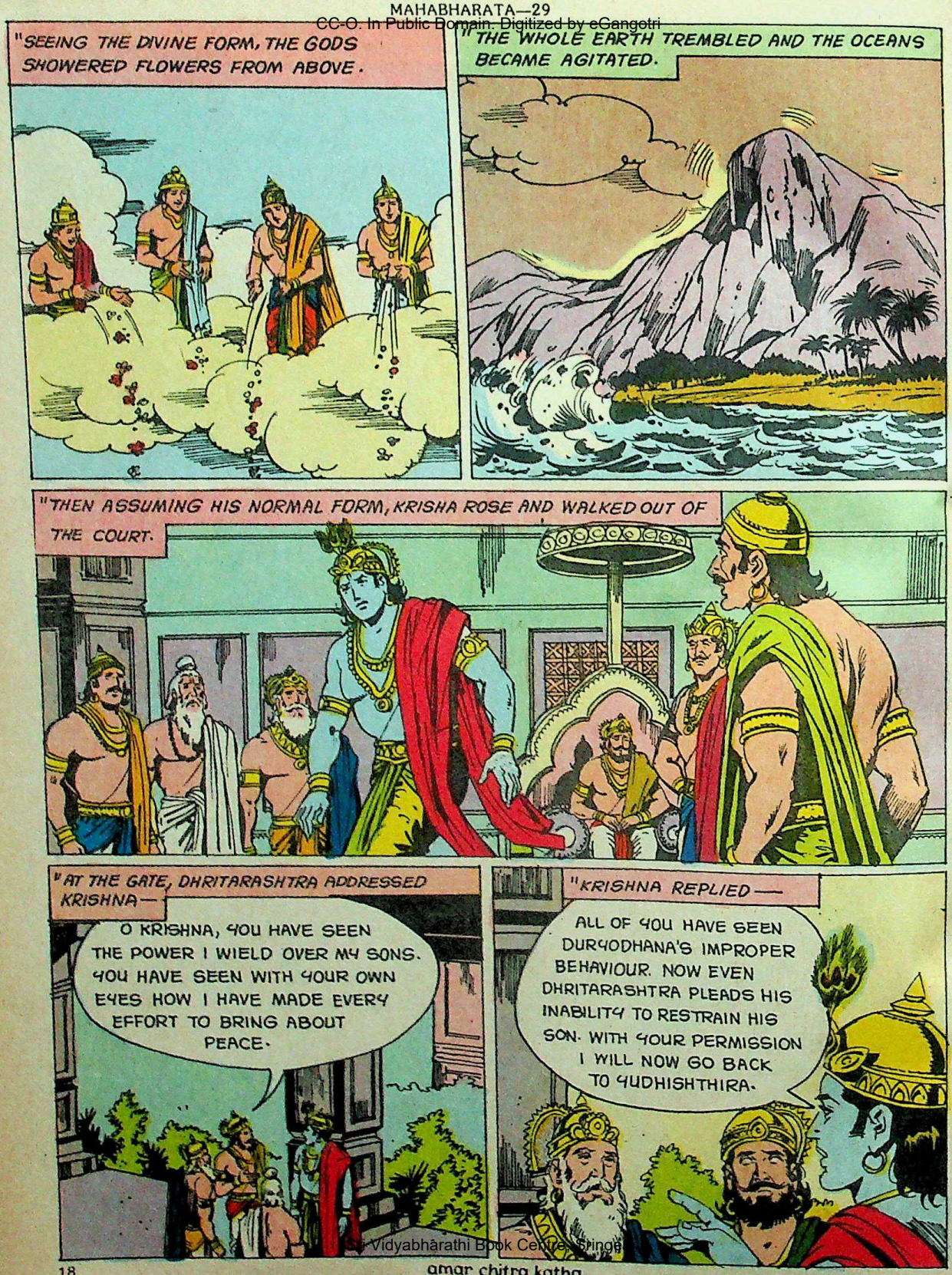

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"THEN KRISHNA WENT AND PAID HIS RESPECTS TO KUNTI.

O AUNT, WE TRIED IN VAIN TO PERSUADE DURYODHANA FOR A PEACEFUL UNDERSTANDING. BUT HE REFUSED TO SEE REASON. I AM NOW GOING BACK TO YOUR SONS. DO YOU HAVE ANY MESSAGE FOR THEM?

"KUNTI SAID—

TELL YUDHISHTHIRA, THE KINGDOM THAT RIGHTFULLY BELONGS TO HIM LIES IN THE HANDS OF THE ENEMY. HE MUST TRY EVERY MEANS TO RECOVER IT— IF NOT BY CONCILIATION, GENEROSITY, THEN BY INCITING DISSENSION IN HIS RANKS OR BY INFLICTING PUNISHMENT.

TELL HIM THAT HE MUST FIGHT SINCE THAT IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH HIS DHARMA. OR ELSE, HE WILL BRING DISGRACE TO THE FAMILY'S NAME.

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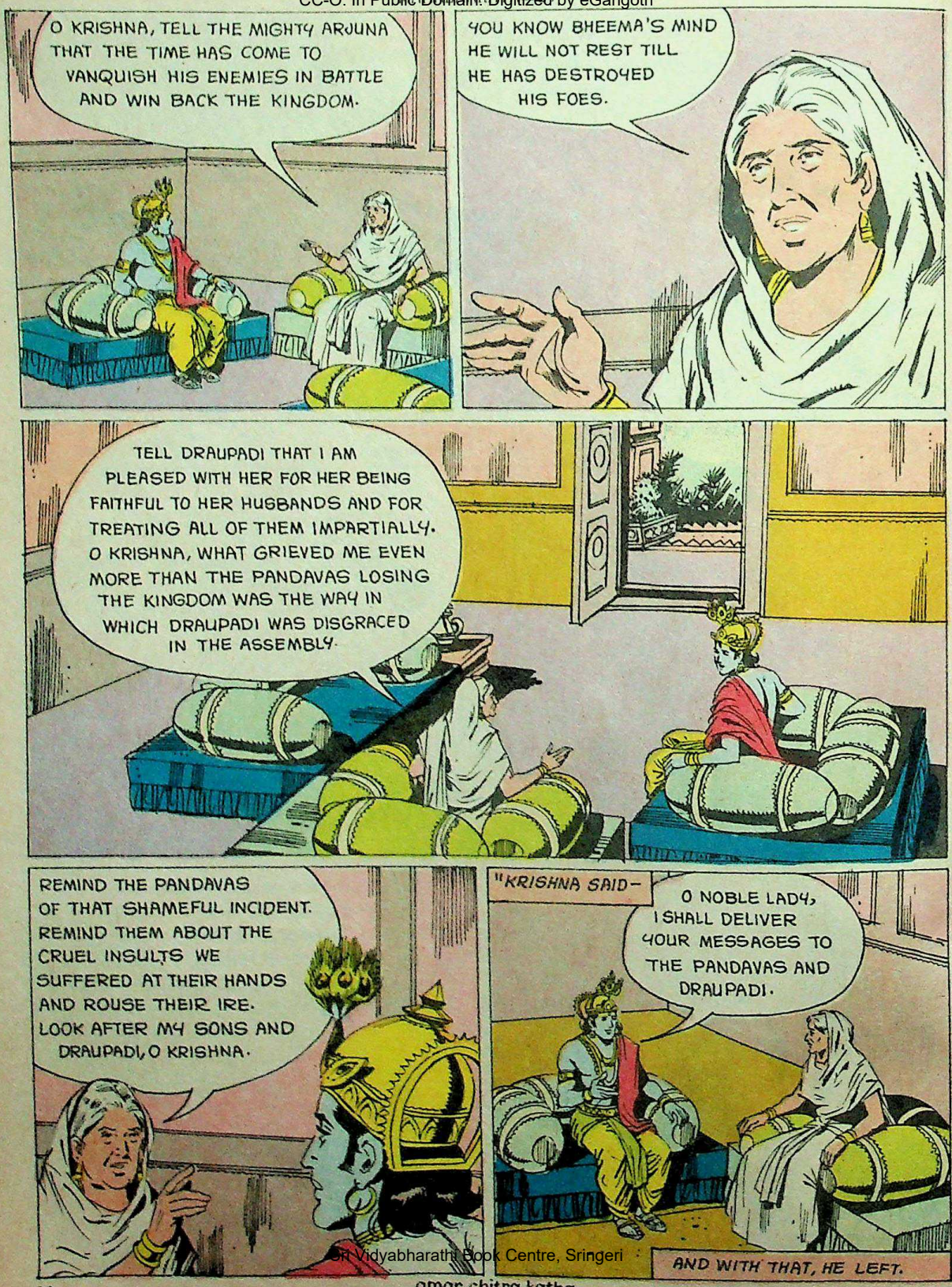

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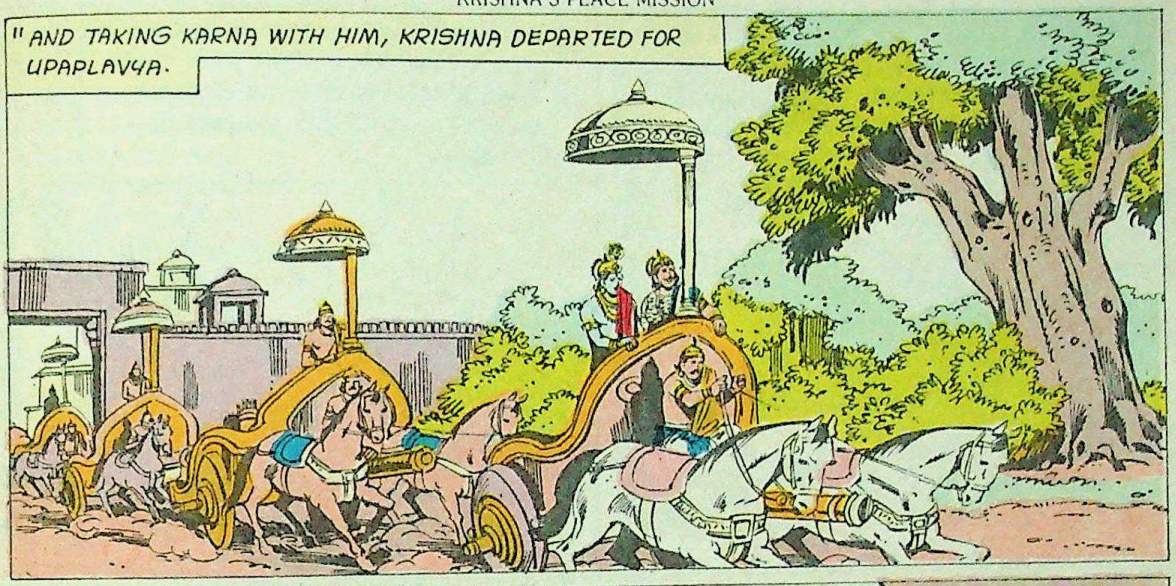

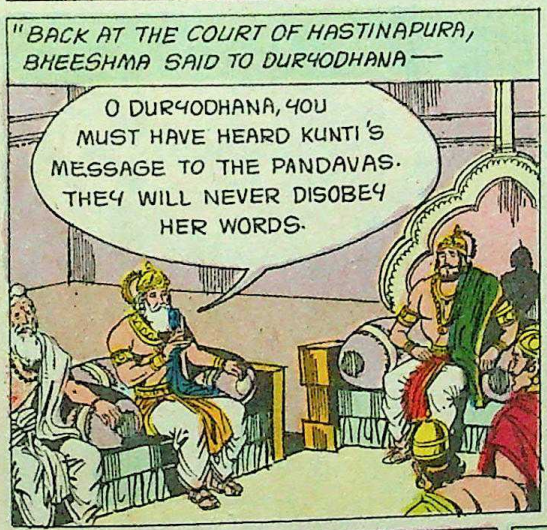

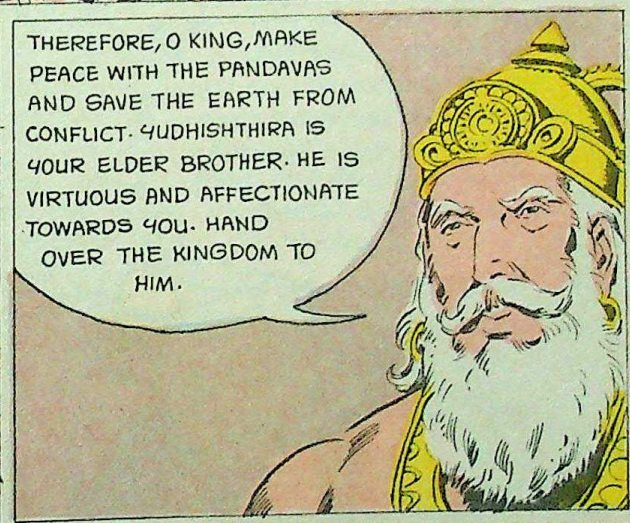

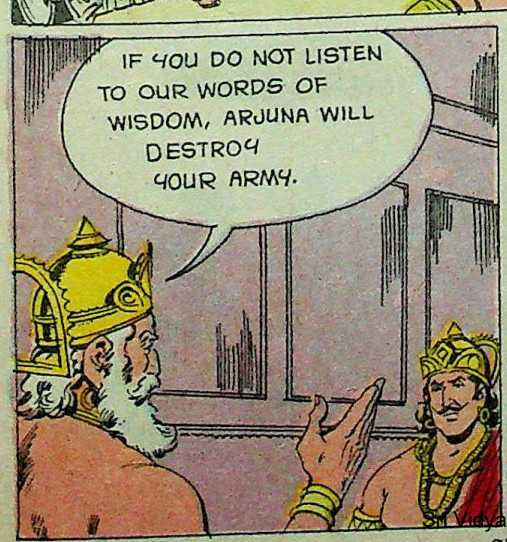

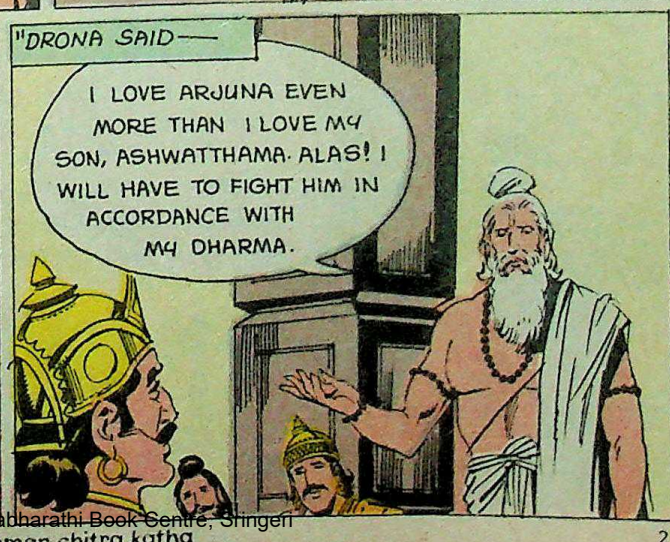

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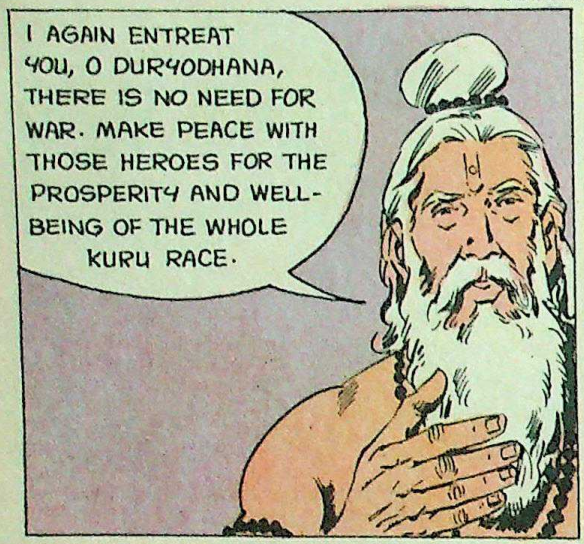

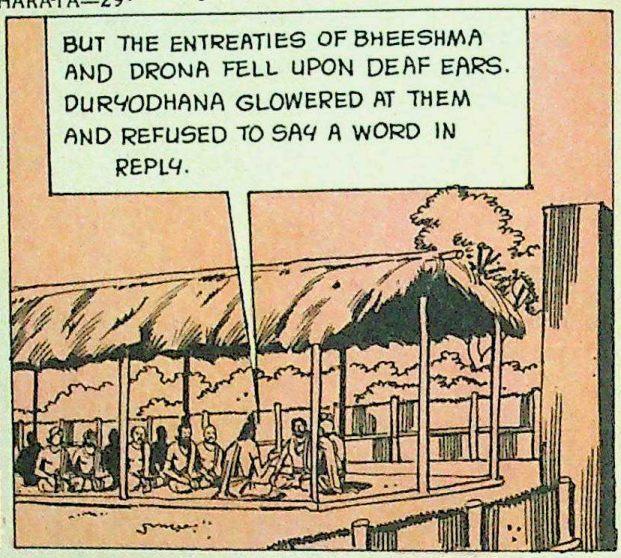

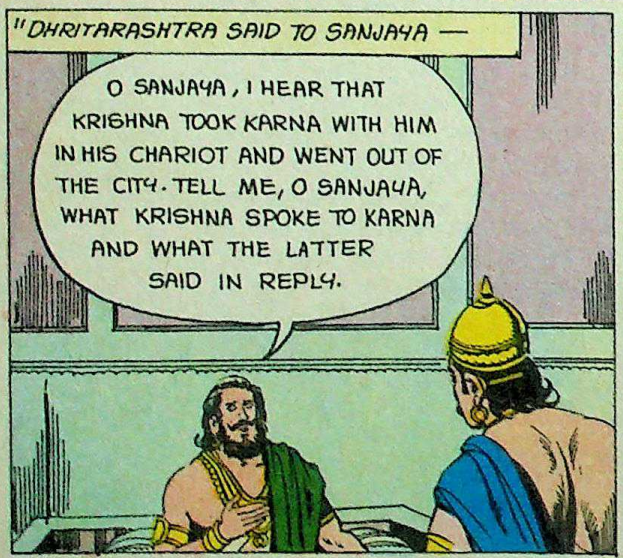

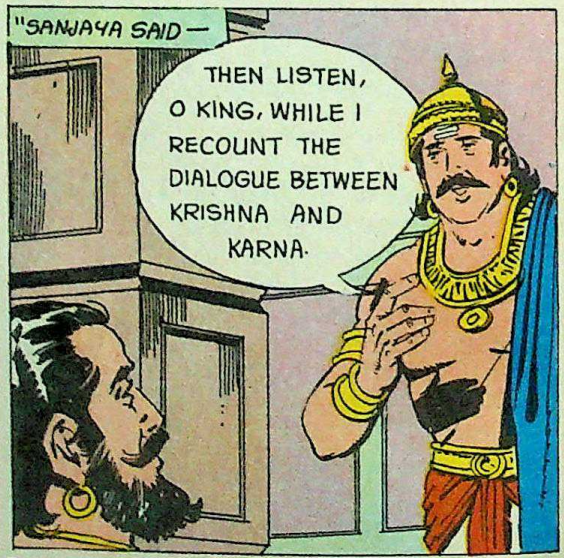

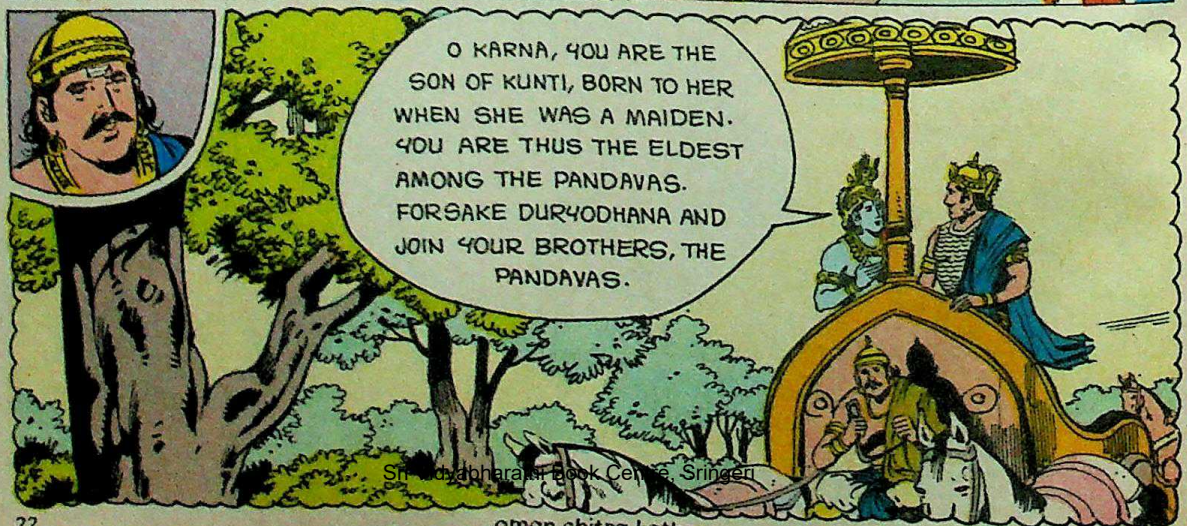

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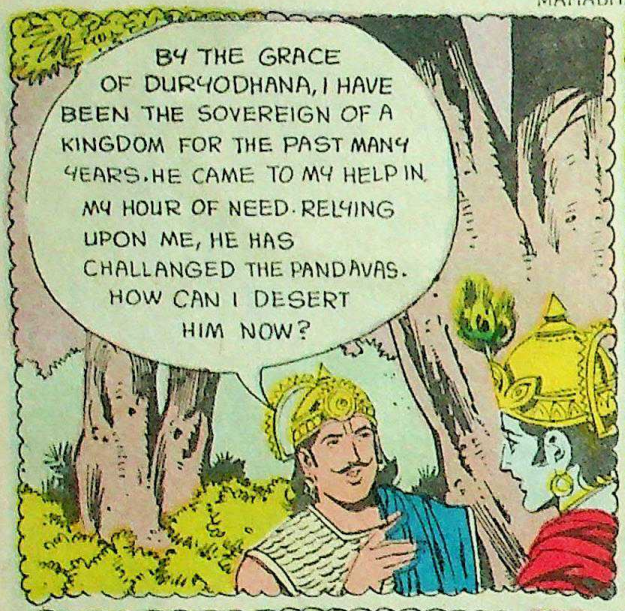

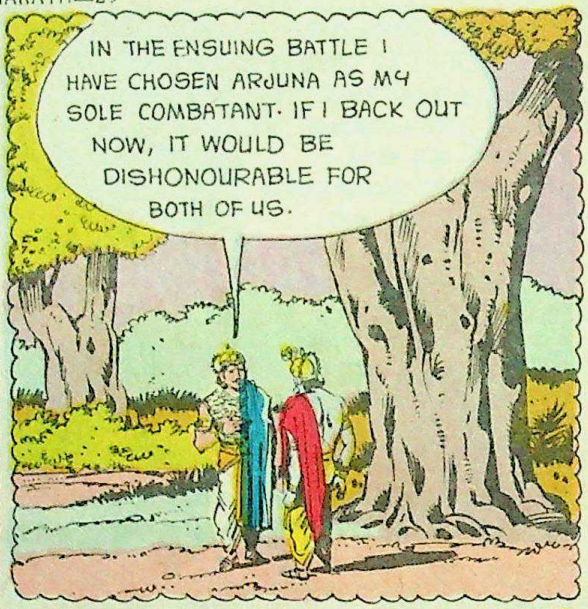

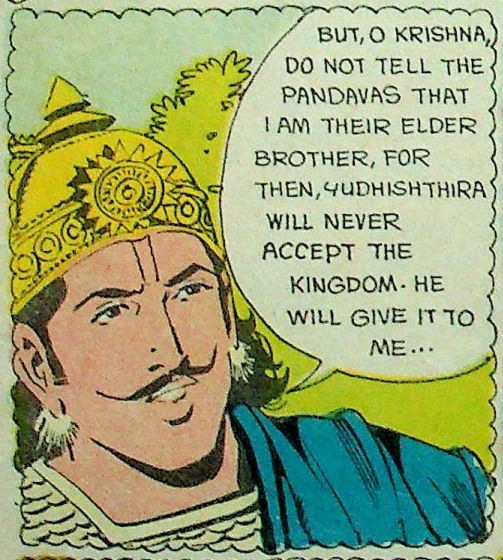

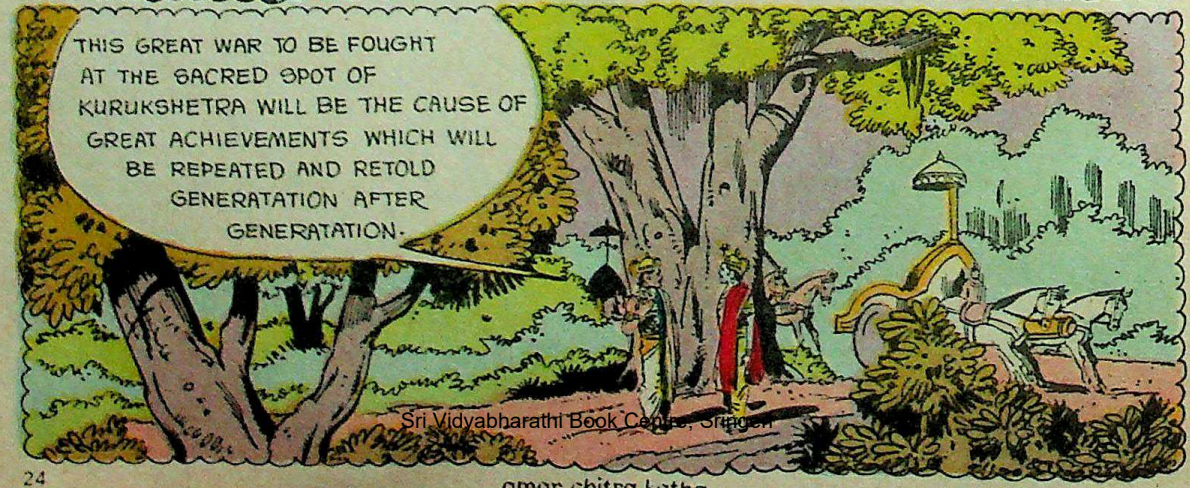

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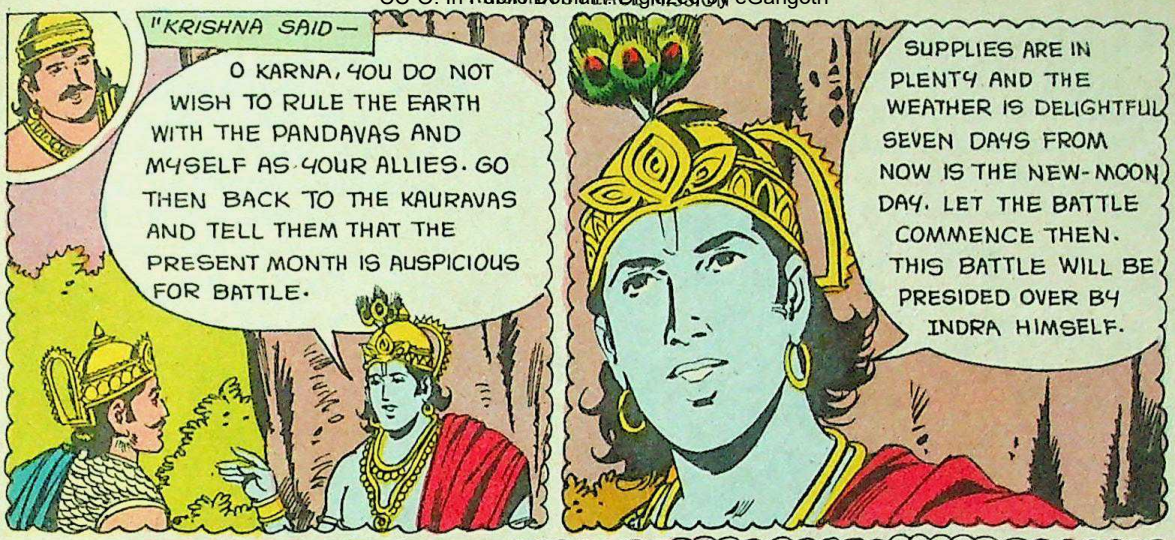

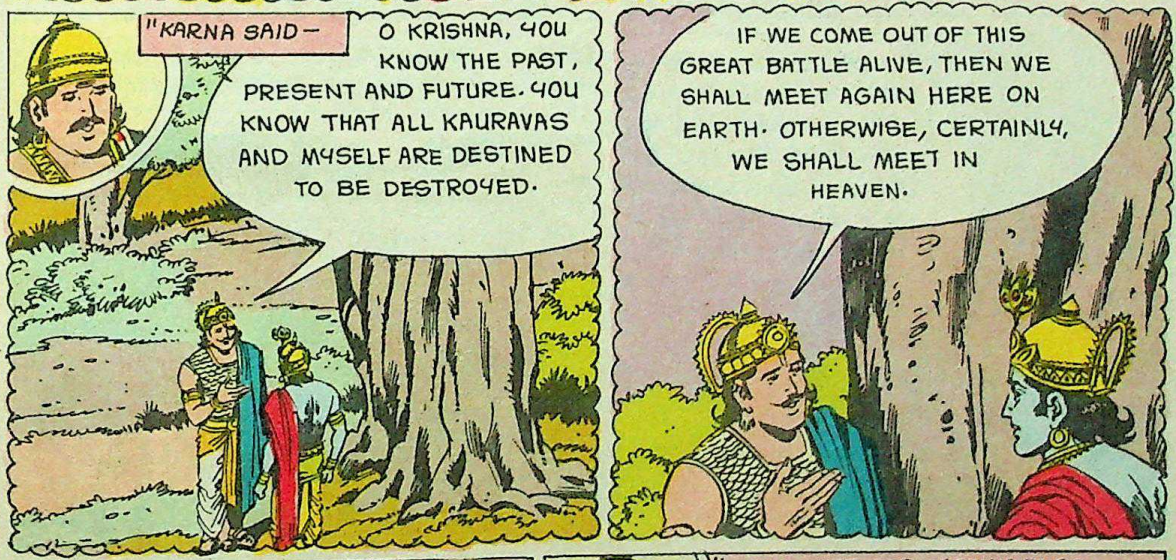

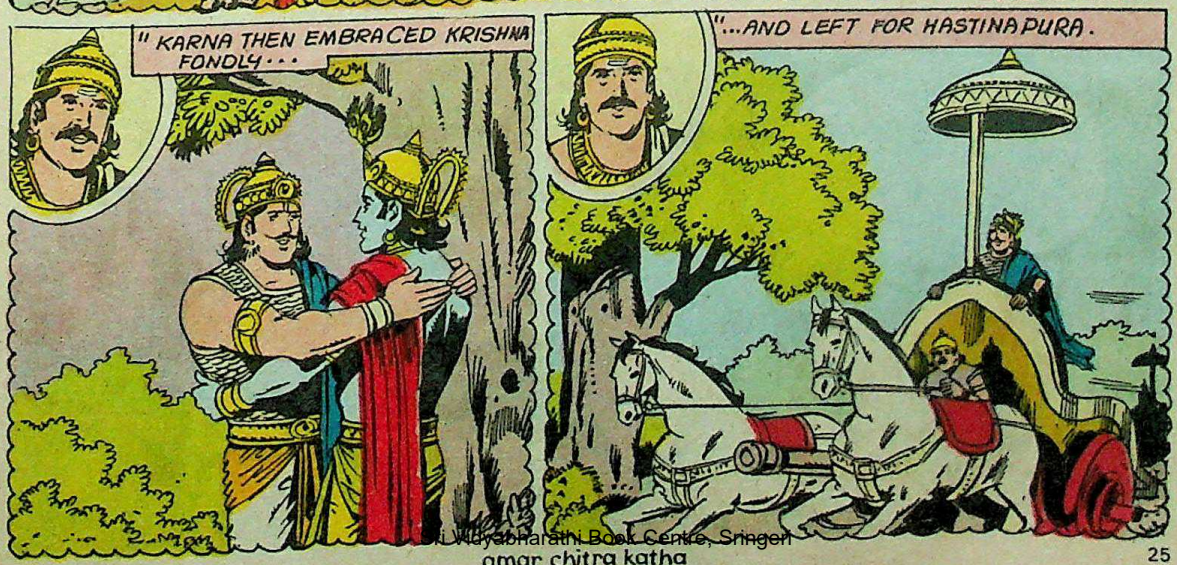

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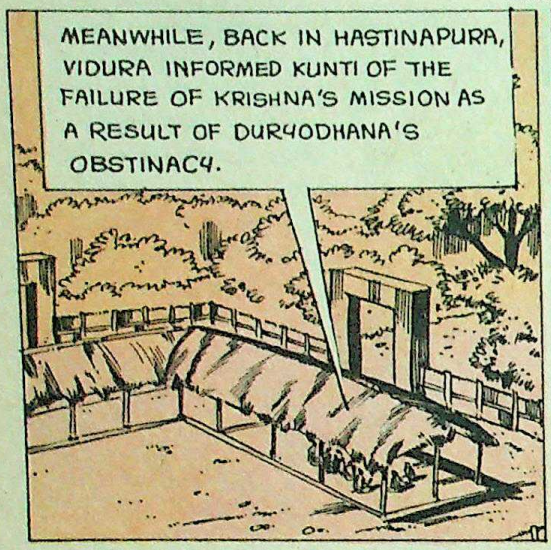

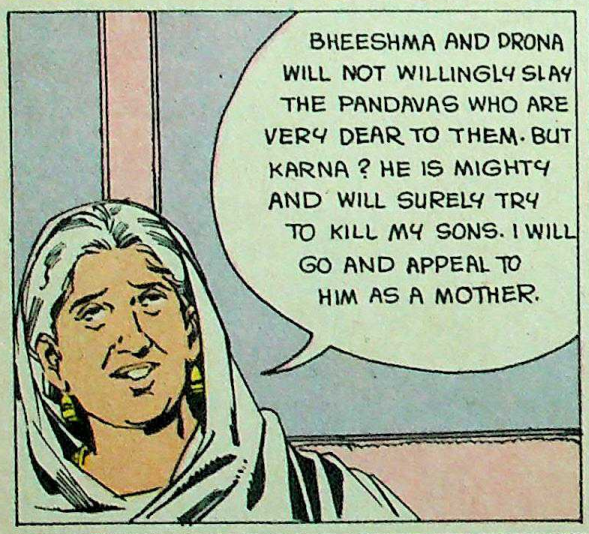

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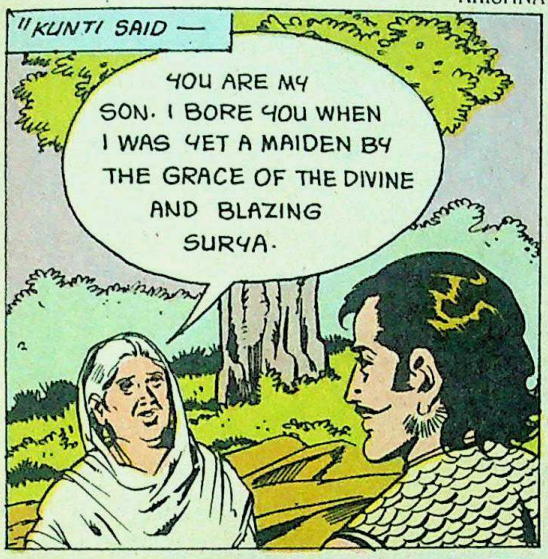

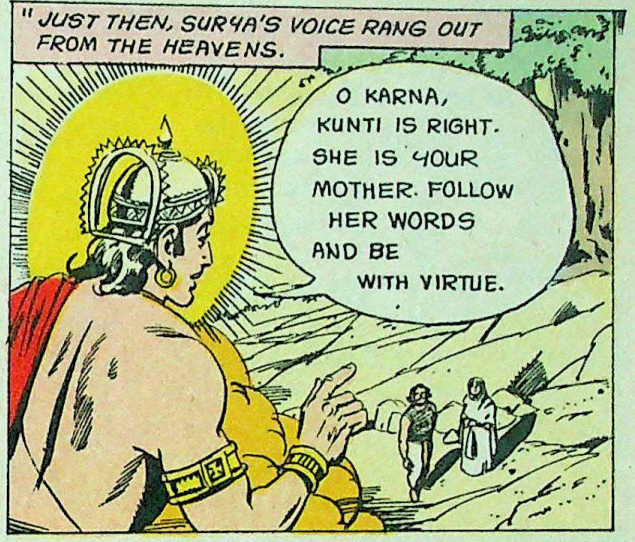

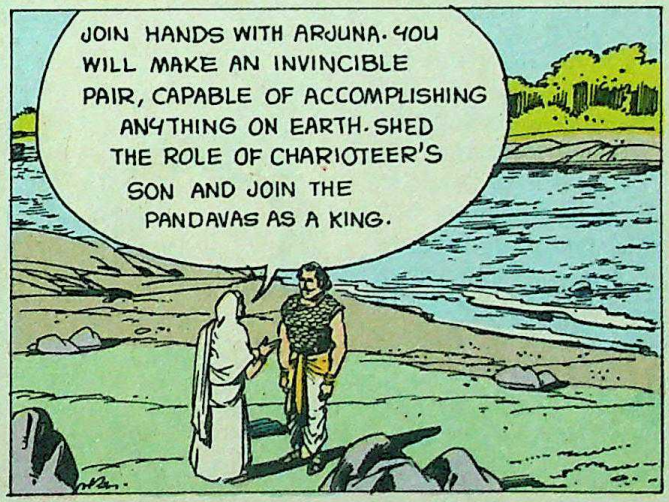

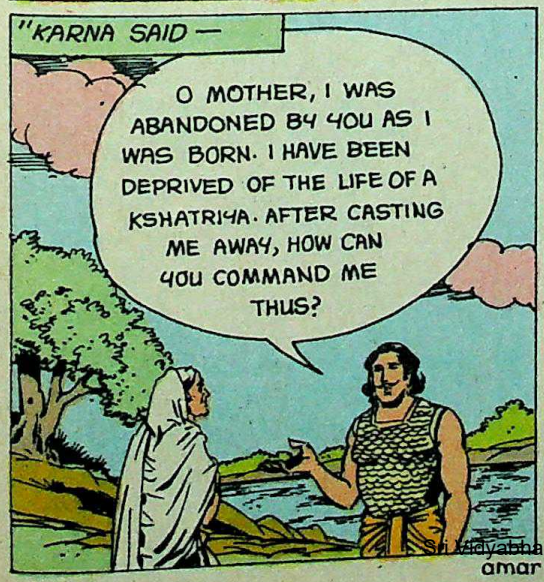

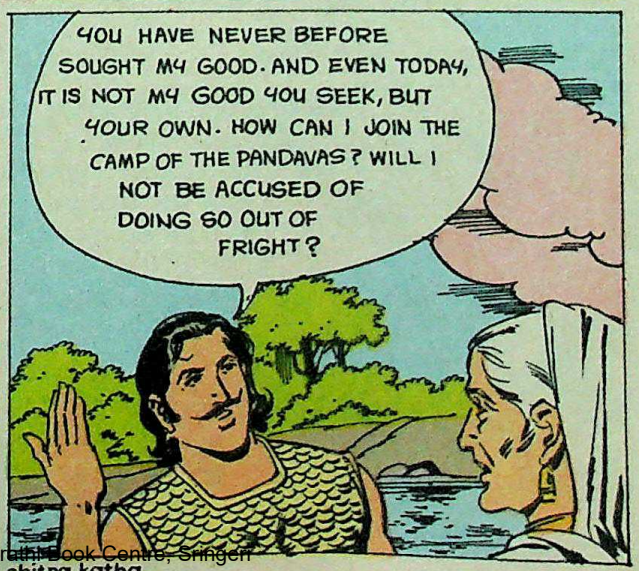

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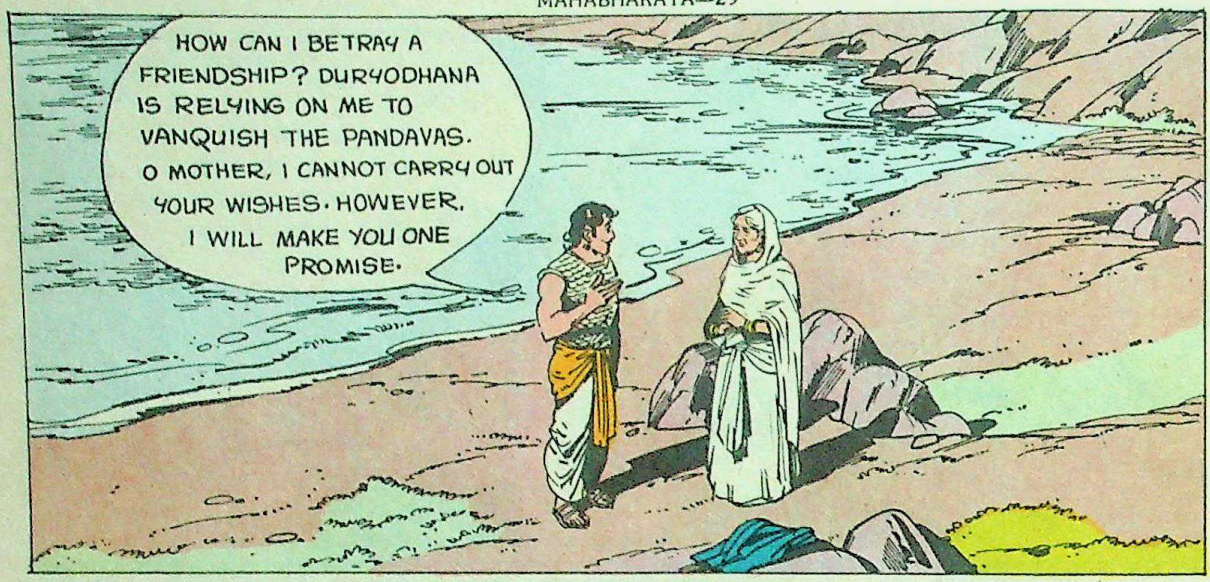

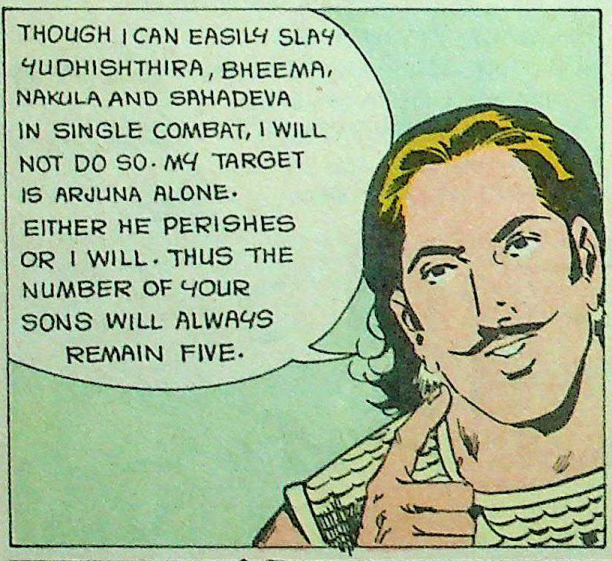

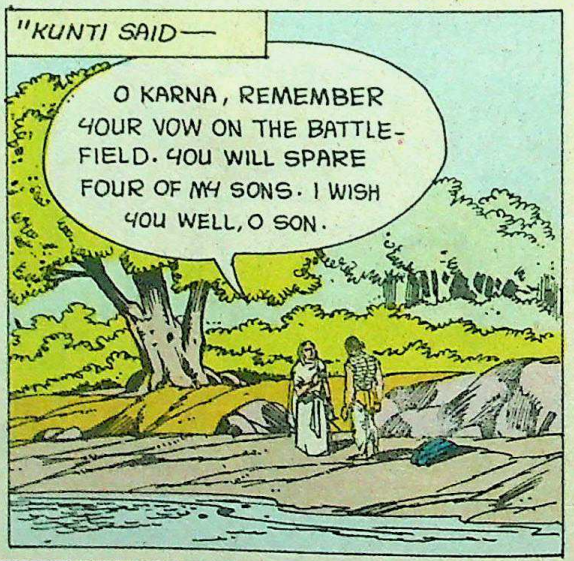

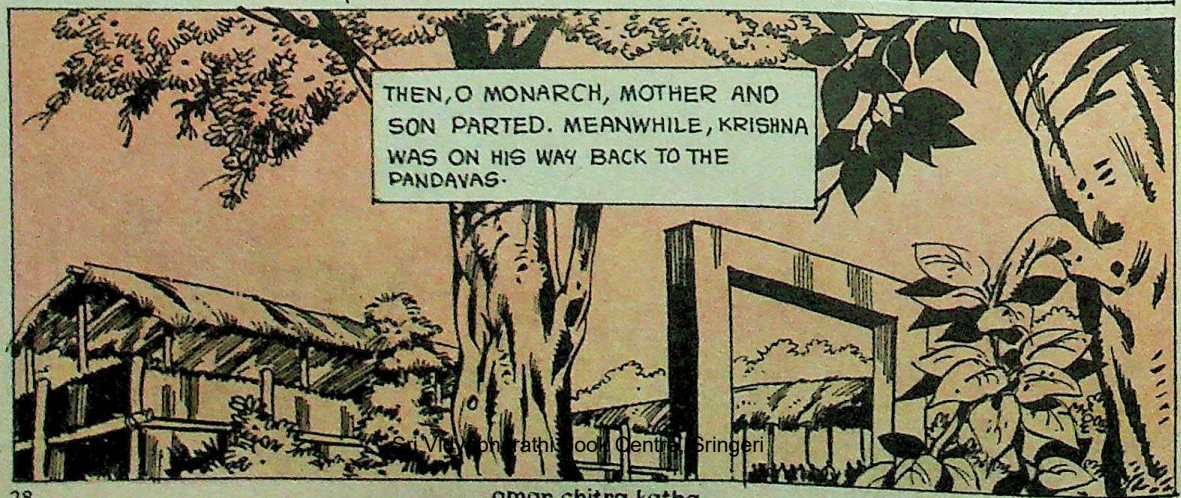

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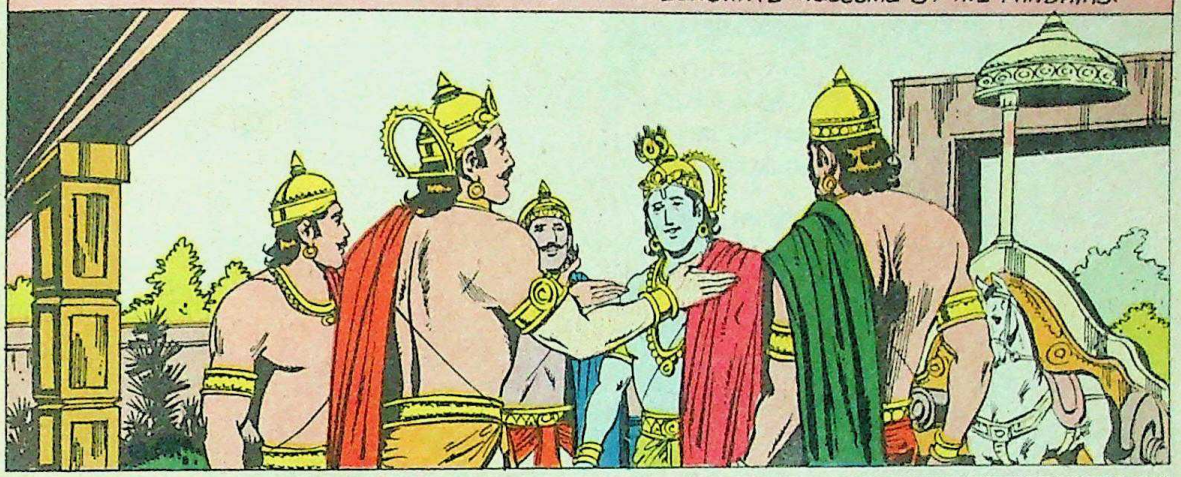

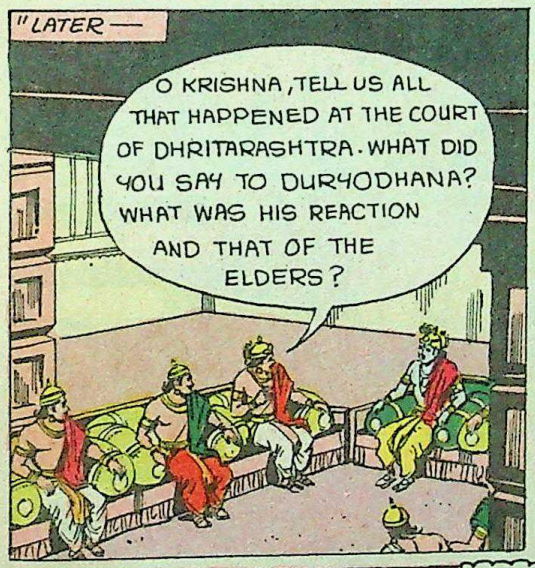

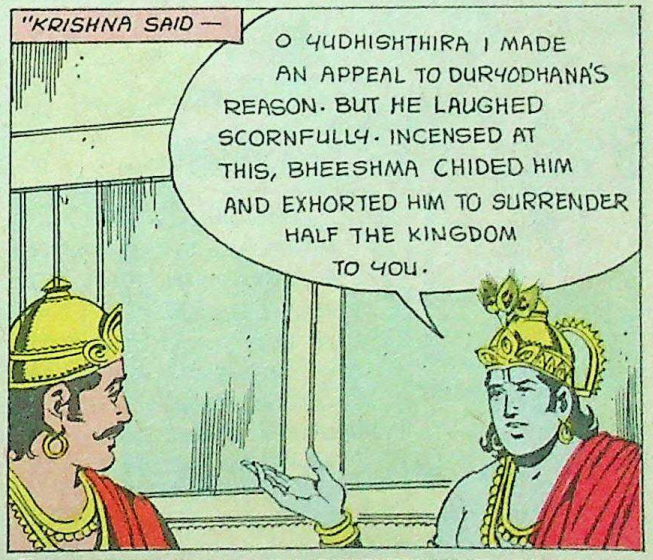

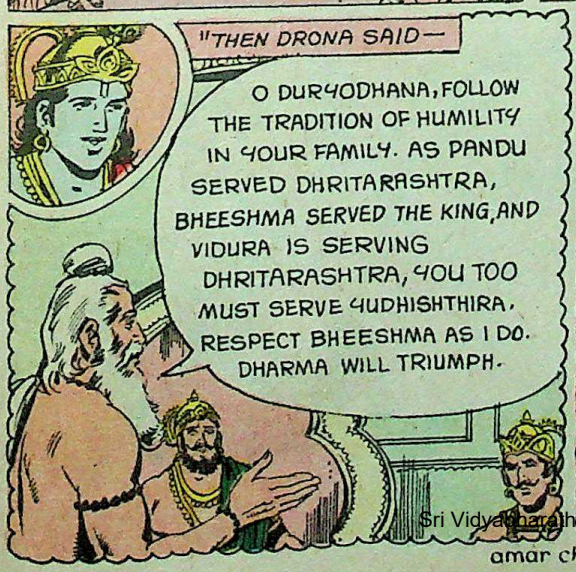

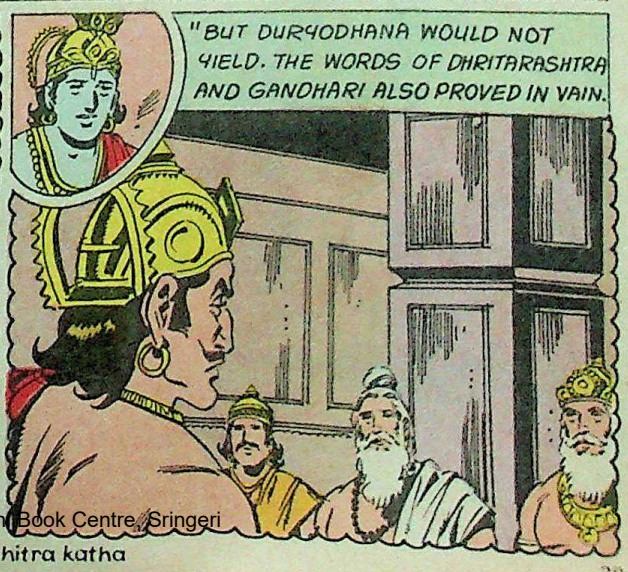

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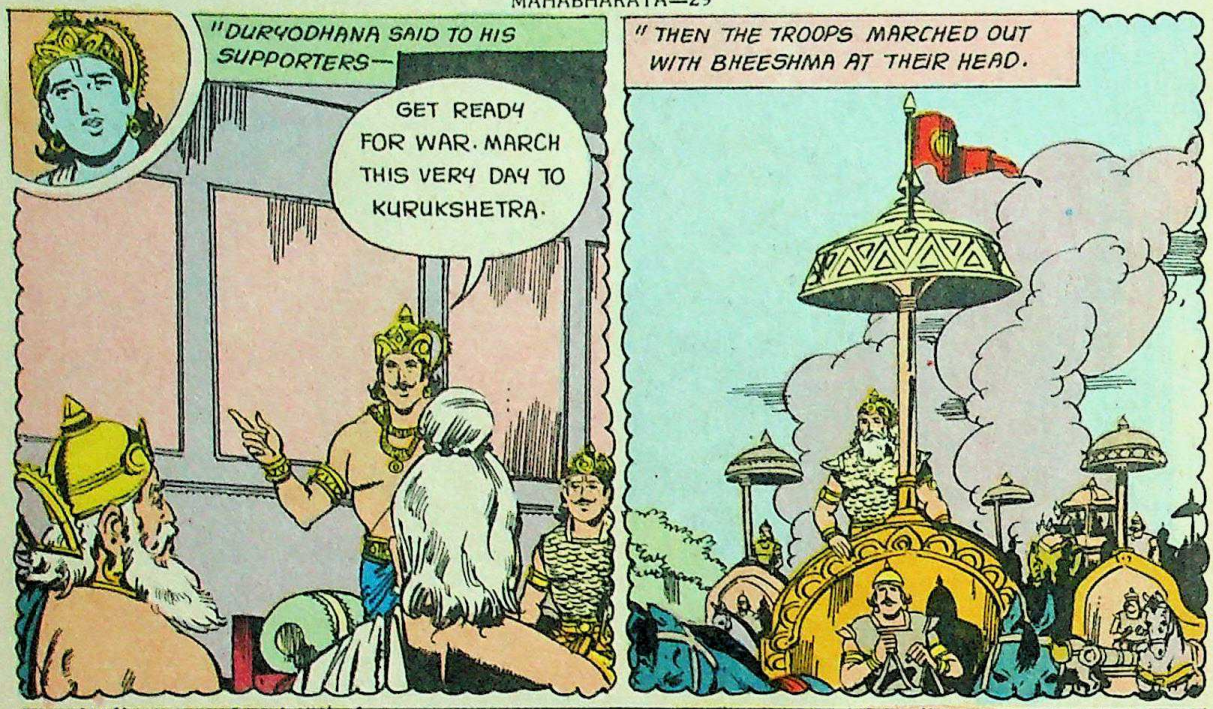

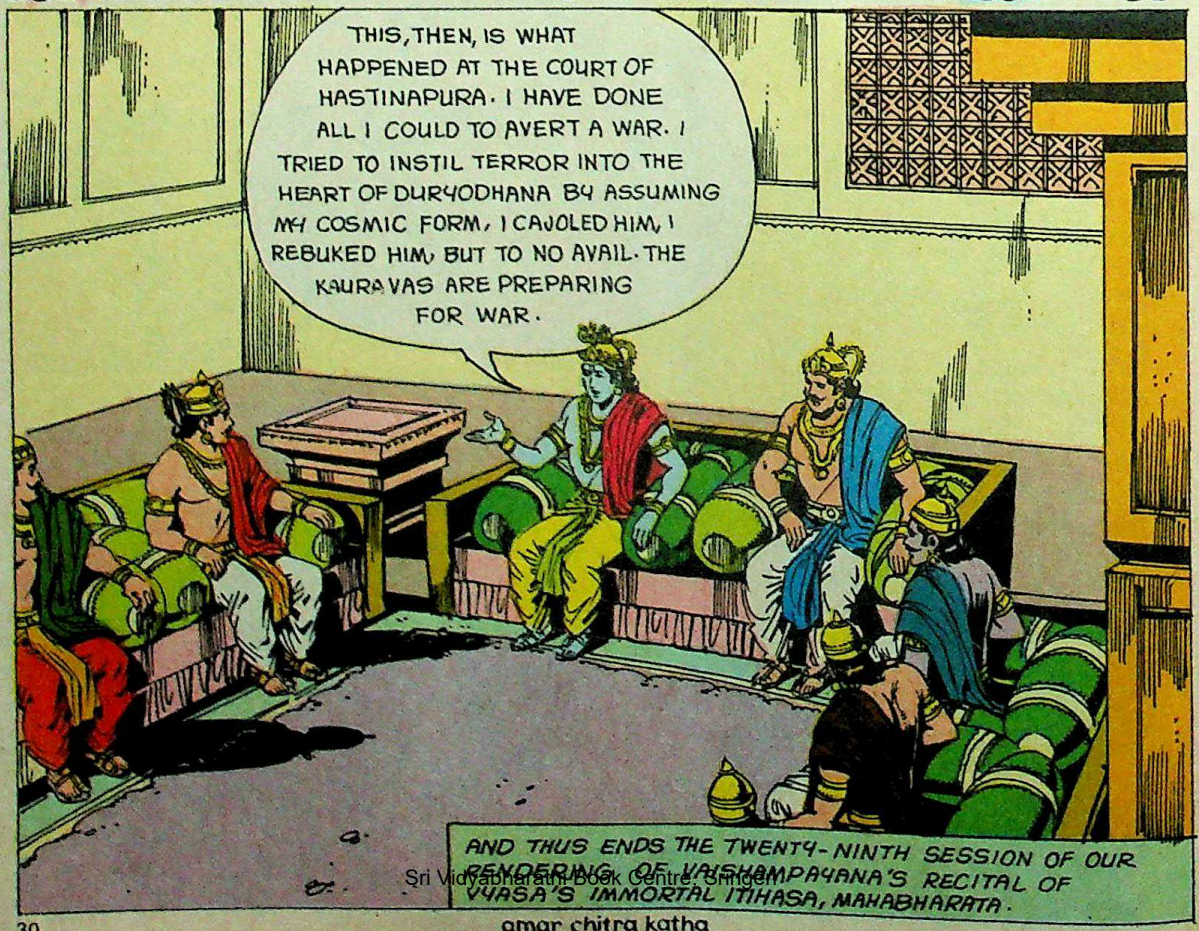

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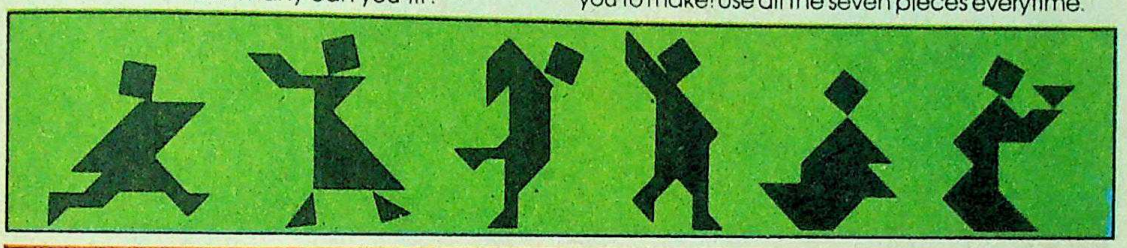

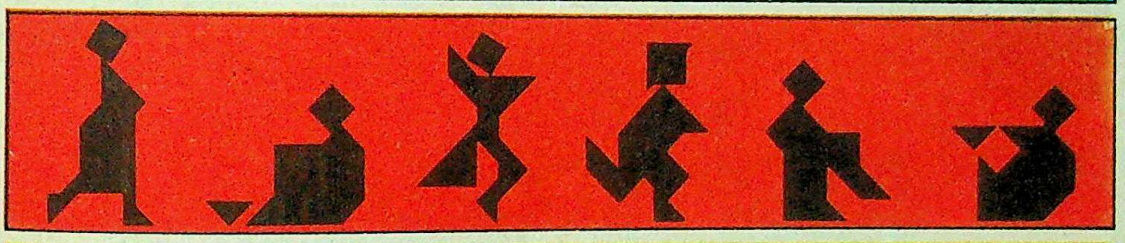

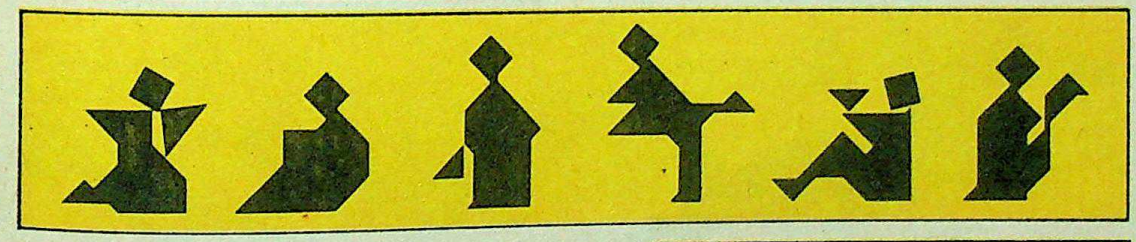

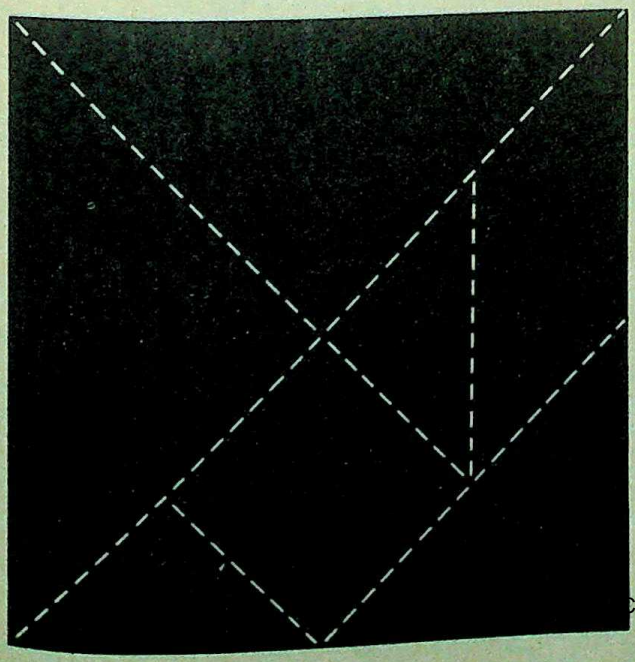

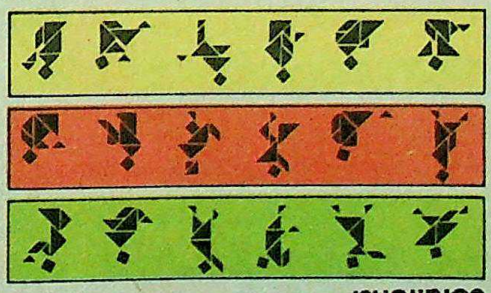

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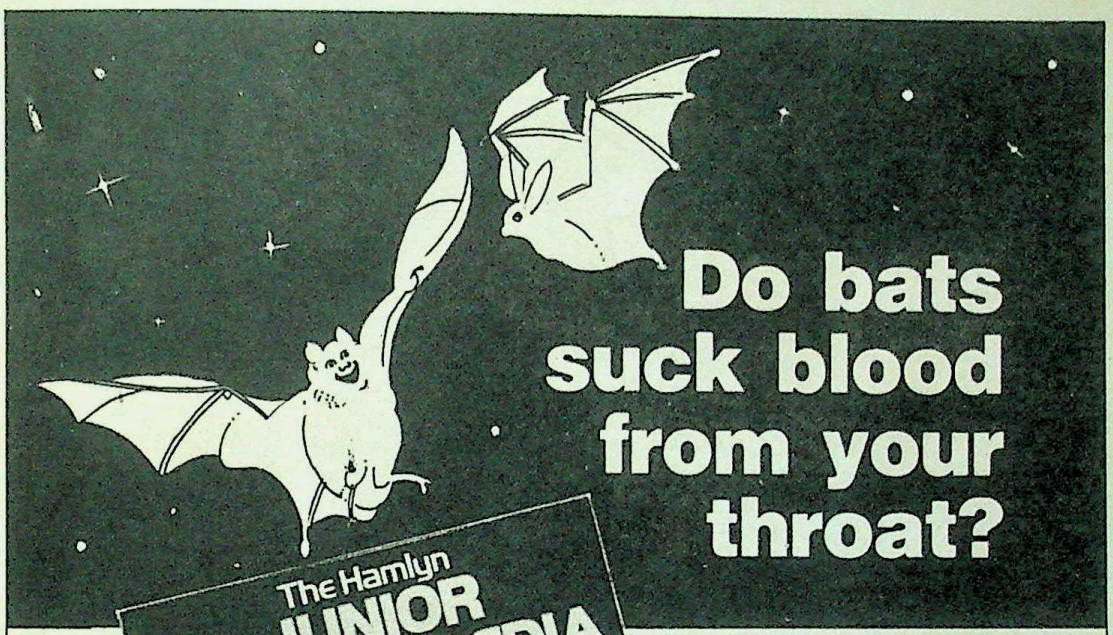

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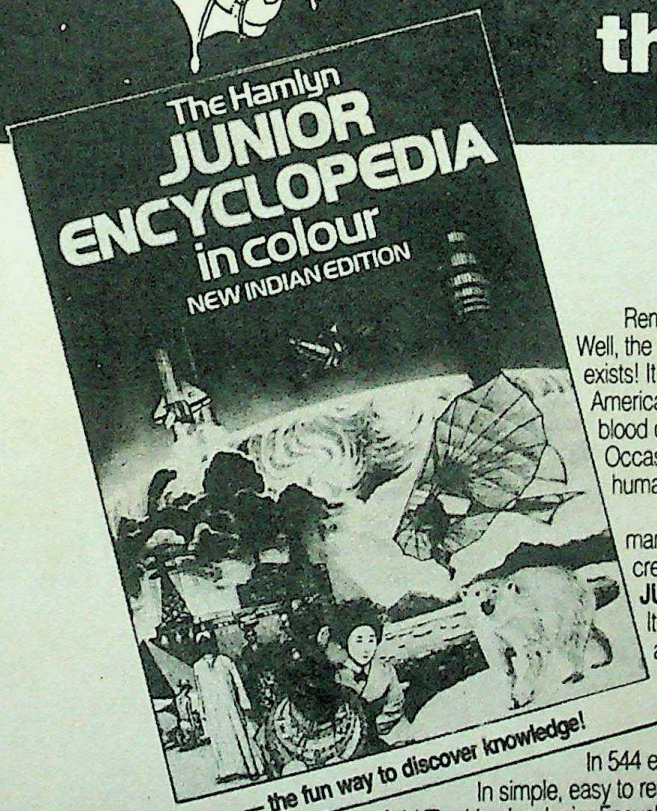

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